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			Ref Maps: BUT EAST 1 in. KAIRIRU WEST 1 in.	
			SYNOPSIS	
			The activities for the month fell into three periods:- 1. The capture of JIKKOKU PASS. 2. Coastal and lateral patrolling. 3. The capture and crossing of the HAWAIN River.	
			1. Capture of JIKKOKU PASS	
			Last month's War Diary ended with the bn committed in the JIKKOKU PASS area with B Coy in posn on CHOWNE KNOLL.	
			From 27 Mar to 2 Apr there was a period of recce and sniping by B and D Coys. Airstrikes were made 30, 31 Mar, 1 and 2 Apr with little success. Arty and mortar harassing fire both by day and night were effective.	
			On 2 Apr following an airstrike and arty and mortar concentrations B Coy assaulted and captured JAP KNOLL by 1300 hrs, killing twentyseven enemy. A Coy then relieved B Coy on JAP KNOLL, B Coy returning to the beach the following day.	
			On 3 Apr after arty and mortar concentrations A Coy advanced towards LOW KNOLL. Nearing enemy positions the coy was pinned down until finally the position was taken by assault from the left flank ani the front. The 75 mm gun (of NONAKA Arty Unit) that fired on D Coy 23 and 26 Mar was captured. Eight Japs were killed.	

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			5 Apr patrols from A Coy and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn made contact on JIKKOKU PASS. A Coy moved NORTH, linking up with D Coy 6 Apr, killing three Japs. The Road to WONGINARA MISSION was now clear. The casualties for the JIKKOKU PASS Action 29 Mar to 6 Apr are as follows:- Own 16 K 50 W 4 DOW 2 W/ROD. Enemy 107 K. Our tps in the JIKKOKU Action were opposed by the HAYASHIDA Force - 79 Inf Regt of 20 Jap Div. 2. Patrol Period Concurrently with the ops by A & B Coys on JIKKOKU Pass, C Coy patrols were active on the high ground to EAST. Patrol boundary laid down by Bde covered AUTOGI, WALLANDUUM and KWANGEN. Instructions were issued that this area should be thoroughly cleared. With this object in view, the CO, Lt-col A G CAMERON DSO ordered a recce patrol 31 Mar - 3 Apr to determine the extent of enemy opposition to be expected in this area. Based on information received from this patrol Arty R was carried out and a shoot conducted on AUTOGI and WALLANDUUM. From captured enemy documents it would appear that as a result of the patrols 28/30 Mar, 31 Mar/1 Apr some enemy tps were withdrawn from JIKKOKU PASS to hold the AUTOGI, WALLANDUUM line against our penetration. 20 Jap Div OO A/274 30 Mar. On 7 Apr C Coy established a patrol base NORTH of KWANGEN on the coast, moving out to clear the KWANGEN, AMAGAP, AUTOGI areas 8 Apr. Having completed this task the patrol returned 12 Apr. Enemy casualties 9 K. 13 Apr a recce was made along the coast rd to the	

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			vicinity of WISLING by 16 Pl accompanied by engr recce offr. While returning the patrol was fired on by enemy mortar at KARAWOP Plantation. The Pl sustained no casualties. 17 and 18 Apr C Coy patrol cleared OLD KUMUDU and an unmapped village of HARIMBOIA. Enemy casualties 6 K. On 15 Apr 2/1 Aust Inf Bn moved through D Coy and took over the advance, clearing the KARAWOP area into which the bde moved. The bn moved to KARAWOP Plantation 24AApr.	
			3. Capture and Crossing HAWAIN RIVER On 26 Apr bn moved to WEST edge of BOIKEN Plantation preparatory to taking over the advance from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, which had reached KALIBOA. At 270830K Apr bn passed through 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, advancing with tk sp through WELUBI, NAUGIB and HAWAIN Villages to WEST bank HAWAIN River without opposition. Engrs moved up with bn and river was crossed by C Coy in assault boats at 1010 hrs. The crossing was unopposed and C Coy consolidated on EAST bank, establishing a standing patrol 1400 yds to the EAST along the coast road. During the advance B Coy moved SE near WELUBI Village along the PAROM track, killing three Japs on the outskirts of PAROM and establishing a base there at 1315 hrs. 11 Pl occupied 800 ft feature NW of PAROM at 1630 hrs killing five Japs in a garden 200 yds NORTH of the feature. On 28 Apr local patrols along the EAST and WEST banks HAWAIN River and PAROM area resulted in five enemy killed and one PW. The br head having been established over the HAWAIN River - the last important natural obstacle in the drive for WEWAK - the bn settled in to await 19 Aust Inf Bde moving through.	

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			The casualties for the campaign 28 Feb to 30 Apr 45 are as follows:-	
			Own: 36 K, 87 W, 6 DOW, 11 W/ROD and 4 Indian PW ~~recovered~~.	
			Enemy: 290 K, 6 PW.	
			Specialist Weapons	
			During April there was little or no opportunity of committing specialist pls in their normal roles.	
			After the capture of ROAD KNOLL by A Coy, the feature was held by 2 Pl until relieved by a pl from 2/3 Bn. Owing to A Coys depleted strength the pl was placed under comd A Coy with the full compliment of guns. On 28 Apr 2 Pl patrolled PAROM - HAWAIN River area killing 5 enemy. On 30 Apr they reverted to HQ Coy command.	
			Mortar Pl remained under comd HQ Coy without operations excepting one security patrol DAGUA-KOFI. Lt P C BEENIE and two dets placed under comd 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt on 29 Apr 45.	
			Whilst C Coy maintained a patrol base at KOFI the Tk A Pl were under comd C Coy in an infantry pl role. They participated in two patrols with 5 enemy to their credit. At KARAWOP they returned to HQ Coy command.	
			Medical	
			(a) General.	
			During the operations culminating in the capture of the JIKKOKU PASS an advance RAP, consisting of RMO and medical orderlies, was established with the attacking coys. In	

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			addition to normal surgical equipment, serum giving sets were used to good effect. It is considered that the "giving of blood", which in several cases was only a few minutes after the actual wound being received, saved the loss of life. This seems accentuated in the case of severe limb wounds involving the loss of considerable blood where patients rallied quickly after receiving serum. In every case, wounded on arrival at ADS were in "good condition". The same procedure was used on C Coy patrol through the KWANGEN-KUMUDU area.	
			(b) Health of Battalion The incidence of malaria has been higher, but lessened towards the end of the month . No explanation can be offered regarding the increase other than the reduction of atebrin from two to one tablet per day. Anti malarial precautions have been faithfully adhered to. Although generally "battle weary", a marked improvement has been noted in the latter part of the month.	
			(c) Hygiene Diarrhoea was almost non-existent, this is attributed to the standard of hygiene being maintained during the month,	
			(d) Scrub Typhus Seven cases of scrub typhus have been diagnosed for the month, of these three persons have died. Investigation, taking into consideration the incubation period, indicates the disease was contacted in the DAGUA airfield. It is interesting that	

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			in each case the areas occupied by troops was cleared of all grass, the areas prior to clearing was in 4 feet of kunai grass. Rats and small bandicoots were prevalent.	
			Supply	
			Following the capture of JAP KNOLL and ROAD KNOLL the unit was concentrated in the DAGUA area with the exception of C and D Coys who held bases in the KOFI area. Supplies, therefore, were very easily maintained as all coys were within easy access of jeeps.	
			With the development of the DID at BUT during the month the quality of rations improved and an excellent supply was kept up.	
			During April all companies were maintained by jeeps with the exception of the Pnr Pl, who for the last few days of the month had a standing patrol on the 800 feature. Supplies were taken forward to them daily by native carriers.	
			Whilst bivouacing at KARAWOP an issue of 3 bottles of beer per man was made, this being the first beer issue made since the unit commenced the present operations.	
			There was little improvement in the supplies of ordnance stores for Apr. One unsatisfactory issue of clothing was made with little variation in sizes.	
			Transport	
			During the month one 2½ ton vehicle was attached to unit tpt which facilitated delivery of supplies and movement of stores. In addition one 400 gal water cart replaced the attached jeep and water trailer. This benefited the unit considerably as from DAGUA forward fresh water from natural	

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			sources was limited. For the unit move from DAGUA to KARAWOP 15x2½ tonners were made available from ASC and Arty. This enabled the unit to move all stores and troops on the one day. Proceeding to BOIKEN transport was not allowed past WISLING owing to the state of the road. Native carriers ferried essential stores from WISLING and these stores, in jeeps followed the marching troops to HAWAIN on the following day. On 29 Apr heavy transport was allowed proceed to HAWAIN and B Ech was established at WELUBI.	
			CO's Personal Comments Throughout the AITAPE - WEWAK campaign, the adm, sup and tpt planning has been as near perfect as conditions and existing facilities permit. Where facilities were non-existant, quick improvisation overcame our shortages. The smooth running of the Bns internal organisation is attributable to the excellent staff work of the adjutant, Capt H G McCAMMON and his untiring attention to detail. He commenced training his staff on thorough and realistic lines and coordinated the training of the Q Staff, under Capt C H HODGE during the Tablelands period. This paid dividends in action and together with the application of the Operational Standing Orders prepared by Capt McCAMMON, it made possible the quick production of Operation Orders and Instructions and Adm Instructions etc in writing which ensured attention to detail in planning, and obviated confusion at all times. Records, returns, filing and all other details which are frequently a bug-bear to a Commander in action, were kept accurately and submitted at the required times. Capts	

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			McCAMMON and HODGE deserve and receive, the highest praise throughout the unit for their outstanding work.	

Lt. Col

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DAGUA	1 Apr	0830	Patrol one Sec 14 Pl left to investigate Jap HQ in DAGUA Drome Dispersal area. Sketch	Appx 1
			Sketch of Operations JIKKOKU Pass 24 Mar - 6 Apr	Appx 2
		0830	Arty engages Enemy posns JAP KNOLL Aerial photographs JIKKOKU PASS	Appx 2A
			~~Arty and Mortar Fire Plan~~	Appx 3
		0900	Aircraft over target area. Mortars indicate target with 7 rds smoke.	
			Airstrike commences. No bombs fell on target.	
			During Arty shoot following airstrike six shells fell 600 yds short behind our posns cutting sig line but causing no casualties.	
			Following Airstrike 21 snipers moved fwd from B Coy observing ~~five Japs killing one.~~ Own cas nil.	
		1230	Patrol of 14 Pl returns with captured documents and equipment which were forwarded to Bde.	
		1700	Two secs MMGs placed under command B Coy. Message received by pigeon from Lt D R CLARKE originated 010745K, stating 14 Pl then at ck bed 008205. Reports assaulting AUTI Village 995208 at 311800K. Enemy cas 2 K own Nil. ~~AUTI a large village possibly used as Jap HQ.~~ Believed large enemy force at track and ck junc 994191. Patrol ~~expects to arrive~~ AUTOGI 011200K. Terrain difficult.	
			During the day an enemy vehicle was found and put in running order.	
			A tp 3 Fd Bty relieved A Tp 1 Fd Bty.	
			The CO observed the Airstrike and spent the day planning operations for 2 Apr and the Arty and Mortar HF programme for night 1/2 Apr.	
			~~CO decided that on morning 2 Apr after airstrike, and Arty~~ and Mortar concs B Coy will attack supported by MMG Fire. Arty HF programme night 01/02 Apr 270 x 25 pdr.	

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DAGUA	1 Apr 2 Apr		Mor HF Programme night 01/02 Apr. Plan of Attack JAP KNOLL: Following Airstrike, Arty and Mortar concs one sec 12 Pl with 2 in mortar and 85 HE to move to GRASSY KNOLL and neutralise JAP KNOLL with small arms fire, 10 and 11 Pls to assault JAP KNOLL and consolidate, 12 Pl exploiting the road.	Appx 4
			Sp fire programme 2 Apr	Appx 5
		0900	Aircraft over target area. 7 rds Mortar 3 in smoke indicating target.	
		0915	Air Strike commences. Arty and Mortar sp as per Fire Programme.	
		1000	E Tp 52 Bty in posn 100 yds WEST BHQ (979254). CO with B Coy directing Ops.	
		1030	B Coy mov from CHOWNE KNOLL to Start Line.	
		1100	One Sec 12 Pl with 2 in Mortar crossed Start Line for GRASSY KNOLL.	
		1115	Sec in posn GRASSY KNOLL. No enemy opposition.	
		1130	10 and 11 Pls moved forward to assault JAP KNOLL with MMG sp and 2 in Mortar and LMG sp from the section on GRASSY KNOLL.	
		1135	JAP KNOLL captured, 10 and 11 Pls consolidating on objective, one sec 11 Pl moving to GRASSY KNOLL to relieve sec from 12 Pl which rejoins Pl. 12 Pl moves through 10 and 11 Pls and exploits to road. NMS. During assault on JAP KNOLL Pte KNIGHT C V was killed and Pte DEWHURST G T was wounded and died later. L sjt FINLAYSON M, Cpls INNES R G, MURPHY K, Ptes ALLEN JW, STEEP G T, O'DEA R B, McLADY C G, MILLS J, CORLISS W W, HODGSON J H were wounded. Casualties - Own 1 K, 1 DOW, 10 W, Enemy 26 K.	
		1150	Area cleared 20 yds WEST JAP KNOLL, No enemy movement seen.	
		1221	CO warned A Coy to move.	
		1315	CO ordered A Coy to relieve B Coy.	

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		1315	12 Pl moved through GRASSY KNOLL clearing HIGH KNOLL killing one Jap. Own cas Nil.	
	2 Apr	1700	~~A Coy in posn JAP KNOLL relieved B Coy which retired to~~ CHOWNE KNOLL for the night.	
			Message by pigeon originated by Lt CLARKE 020800K. Posn then 015208. Natives recce AUTOGI and WALANDUUM report heavy enemy concentrations in both villages, defences being prepared WALANDUUM, strength unknown at least 30 Japs with MMG and natives. AUTOGI and WALANDUUM on inland L of C. Investigating ~~Jap HQ 020213 - probable Sig Centre. Natives report sick~~ Japs in area. Intend to clear area NORTH of WALANDUUM.	
		1800	Locations of Bn.	
			Bn HQ 950254	
			A Coy 960215	
			B Coy 957216	
			C Coy plus one sec MMG less 14 Pl 981247	
			14 Pl 015208	
			D Coy less 18 Pl 956231	
			~~18 Pl plus four dets Mortars~~ 956227	
			HQ Coy less MMGs, Mortars, Tk A, Pnrs 942255	
			MMG Less one sec 945220	
			Mortars less four dets 954253	
			Pnrs 947255	
			Tk A less one sec 925228	
			One Sec Tk A 941248	
			Capture of JAP KNOLL, ROAD KNOLL, and GRASSY KNOLL and the severe defeat inflicted on the enemy was due entirely to the patient recce, planning and outstanding leadership of Lt Noel PARK. During the attack he was supported ably by Sjt ~~FINLAYSON~~ whose fearless exhibition served as a splendid example to his men and helped maintain the impetus of the attack. Others outstanding in this fight were Pte Alex WEBB	

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			who to date has killed 11 Japs and earned himself the name of "Killer" WEBB, and Pte K T J JURD a stretcher bearer, who calmly attended 7 wounded under fire and miraculously "got away" with it.	
	3 Apr	0730	Arty registration on LOW KNOLL.	
		0745	3 in Mortar registration on LOW KNOLL.	
		0830	CO arrived JAP KNOLL.	
		0900	B Coy left CHOWNE KNOLL.	
		0945	77 grenade exploded seriously wounding Pte EATON R E and wounding Ptes WEBB A, JURD K T J, HARRIS C H and L cpl McKERIHAN J who went to Pte EATONS aid. Pte EATON later died.	
		1000	Arty engage enemy posn LOW KNOLL - 60 min gunfire at 4 rpm.	
		1030	Brig R KING DSO visited Bn.	
		1048	3 in Mortars engage enemy posn LOW KNOLL firing 105 rounds.	
		1100	B Coy arrive new location 958253.	
		1100	Arty completed task.	
		1108	Mortars completed task.	
		1115	A Coy adv from JAP KNOLL towards LOW KNOLL, 9 Pl leading followed by Coy HQ, 8 Pl, 7 Pl supported by MMGs.	
		1125	MMGs fire plan completed.	
		1145	Enemy opened fire on forward Pl as 9 Pl Coy HQ and 8 Pl move along open saddle immediately below enemy positions preparatory to making final assault. 9 Pl halted by enemy fire, Pte HUBY C P, and Cpl HARTLEY S G being wounded. 8 Pl pass through 9 Pl but were also halted. Pte DAVIES W H, L cpl WOLFE R R and BAILEY S E being wounded. The Coy was now pinned down on open ground commanded by concealed enemy posns.	
		1300	Lt D R CLARKE's patrol returned. Total cas for patrol Enemy 16 K, Own Nil, One Indian PW recaptured. Patrol report.	Appx 6
		1300	Pte BALDWIN J A killed, Pte SIMPSON L W A wounded in LOW KNOLL action.	

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	3 Apr		From 1145 hrs forward pls made every effort to recce avenues of approach - all movement being on stomach under intermittent fire. During this period Pte SNELGROVE F N was noticed missing. His body was later found bayoneted 3 yards from an enemy posn. The Jap manning the posn was also dead.	
		1530	Comd A Coy Capt M DERBYSHIRE MC gave orders for assault. Plan: 9 Pl move to spur on NORTH side LOW KNOLL and assault objective. 8 Pl remain in posn until 9 Pl committed, then advanced straight up saddle. 7 Pl in reserve.	
		1555	9 Pl moved.	
		1630	9 Pl committed. 8 Pl advanced.	
		1658	Objective captured. Own cas Nil. Total casualties for the attack. Own 2 K, 5 W, Enemy 8 K. 7 Pl remained in position LOW KNOLL. Remainder A Coy withdrew to JAP KNOLL for night. Road from 963215 to 962213 now under our control. Throughout this and previous actions Capt Max DERBYSHIRE who escaped from a Hun prison camp in GREECE and got himself an MC for his persistent tactics with the Greeks against the Gestapo, has proved himself an inspiring and aggressive Coy Comd. His coy have had 40 casualties to date but always are looking for fight.	
	4 Apr	0800	A Coy Comd and one sec moved SE 300 yds down spur overlooking road. No enemy movement seen.	
		0900	Coy Comd returned JAP KNOLL leaving the sec as standing patrol till 1015.	
		1030	Bde Comd accompanied by CO arrived A Coy to recce posn.	
		1100	Brigadier leaves for Bde.	
		1200	One 75 mm pack how in posn D Coy area.	
		1315	CO held conference to discuss adm matters.	

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	4 Apr		During the day Arty R and Airstrike carried out on AUTOGI and WALANDUUM.	
			2/3 Aust Inf Bn advance from MABAM River towards MT KAUREMERAK the high feature comd the Pass on EAST side of the road.	
	5 Apr	1300	Int Sec patrol to locate reported Jap huts south DAGUA strip.	
		1500	Sec patrol 7 Pl contacted patrol 2/3 Aust Inf Bn on WONGINARA Mission Road.	
			Sec patrol later found Jap huts on WEST side of road 250 yds NNE LOW KNOLL finding one dead Jap and documents.	
		1700	Lt J W NORRIE and 15 Pl plus one sec Pnrs and Sig Line Party move out to patrol coast road to KOFI Ck.	
		1800	Int Sec patrol returned, located HQ 29 Jap Machine Cannon Coy 972233. One wounded Jap in huts. Many documents and maps found.	
	6 Apr	0645	A Coy moved through LOW KNOLL to link up with D Coy. One sec MMG remaining on saddle at JIKKOKU PASS.	
		0900	16 Pl and D Coy Comd gp move SOUTH along road to contact A Coy.	
		0940	Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn contacted sec MMG LOW KNOLL.	
			A Coy advance down road. NMS.	
		1030	CO arrived 16 Pl.	
		1100	A Coy met enemy opposition 965220, Pte GELFIUS R T being killed. Pte MURPHY J V Pl SB moved out to attend him and was also killed.	
			Pte TAYLOR A G wounded.	
			Enemy casualties 3 K.	
		1105	ACoy 600 yds from D Coy.	
		1125	Wounded Jap found yesterday 972233 brought in by stretcher party. Enemy sig equipment and documents recovered and forwarded to Bde.	
		1410	A Coy advance continues.	
		1500	Brig R KING DSO visited Bn.	
		1520	CO left D Coy to return to Bn HQ.	

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	6 Apr	1550	A Coy linked up with D Coy 962223.	
		1610	Jap PW captured 959242 by Lt V H EAMES and small patrol.	
		1830	A Coy arrived new location 972252.	
		1900	Bn HQ and C Coy warned for move 7 Apr.	
			Brig R KING DSO allotted task of clearing WALANDUUM and AUTOGI areas, to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.	
	7 Apr	0900	A Coy move to new location 983247.	
			B Coy move to new location 977248.	
		0945	CO and Coy Comds to 934255 to witness demonstration "ROCKET PROJECTOR". Doubtful if this weapon is suitable for infantry as Projector weights 21 lbs and Rockets 20 to 60 lbs. The weapon has devastating effect, but difficult to bring into action.	
			After demonstration, CO took BM and visiting Lt-col of RA to JIKKOKU PASS.	
			Pnrs making PASS Road jeepable. Road now jeepable to 961223.	
		1145	C Coy established patrol base 031239. Coy captured powerful radio transmitting station (Possibly RADIO BOIKEN) in good order with associate stores and spare parts at 034231. Radio Station placed out of bounds all ranks, all units by C.O.	
		1230	Bn HQ closed 950254 reopened 978247, with B Ech and HQ Coy disposed EAST and WEST of Bn HQ position.	
			CO visited C Coy re WALANDUUM and AUTOGI patrol.	
			75 mm pack how reverts own unit comd.	
			Sketch (i) Dispositions Bn HQ Area	Appx 7
			(ii) A Coy	Appx 8
			(iii) B Coy	Appx 9
			(iv) JIKKOKU PASS Road	Appx 10
			W3008, W3009 submitted	Appx 11
	8 Apr	0800	CO to C Coy Patrol base to issue patrol orders to OLIVER FORCE.	
			2/2 Aust Inf Bn O O No 1 7 Apr 45	Appx 12

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	8 Apr	0830	Lt P C BEENIE and four dets Mortar Pl move out on patrol to KOFI. Patrol orders.	Appx 13
			~~Lt R R THOMAS and 10 Pl move out on patrol to AUTI (995208).~~ Patrol orders	Appx 14
			~~HMAS SWAN seen offshore, fired one salvo~~. Weather unsuitable for further bombardment.	
		0900	D Coy left 956231 arriving new location DAGUA VILLAGE 095244 at 1130 hrs.	
		1120	Brig R KING DSO visited CO.	
		1330	Capt OLIVER and C Coy with FOO, Int, 2 Police Boys and three native guides move out from patrol base on patrol to WALANDUUM and AUTOGI.	
		1801	Lt BEENIE patrol returned. NMS.	
		1930	Lt THOMAS patrol returned NMS.	
		2000	Message received OLIVER PATROL killed 5 Japs wounding one at 045222 own cas Nil.	
	9 Apr	0830	Lt J JARVIE and one sec move out on patrol to KOFI. Sjt HEYMAN and one sec move out, Patrol to 023221, 017237.	
		1115	OLIVER force occupied ~~KWANGEN capturing one LMG~~. ~~Enemy appear~~ to have fled SE.	
		~~1550~~	~~OLIVER force occupied AMAGAP~~. Casualties enemy 3 K, Own Nil.	
		1705	Lt JARVIE patrol returned from KOFI. NMS. Patrol contacted two Police Boys recceing KARAWOP Area.	
		1800	Sjt HEYMAN patrol returned. NMS in squares 0121, 0221. Patrol report.	Appx 15
			Report combination Bayonet and Machette.	Appx 16
	10 Apr	0800	CO spent the day in conference with Bde Comd .	
		1120	Lt V H EAMES and ~~local patrol from C Coy~~ patrol base located further valuable enemy wireless eqpt 033229 in good condition. ~~The value of wireless eqpt recovered in this area was~~ estimated at £60,000.	
			OLIVER Patrol reports occupied WALANDUUM 039195. Enemy fled SE. ~~Patrol bivouacing night 10/11 Apr AUTOGI III 015201.~~	

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	11 Apr	0900	MG Pl under comd A Coy forming third pl of Coy; one sub sec MMGs still to man guns. All guns to accompany pl, which if necessary can be reverted to its normal role.	
		0915	CO to Bde for conference with Brigadier.	
		1005	OLIVER patrol reports capture AUTOGI II. Own cas Pte BODLEY A L killed, Pte JURY E J W/ROD. Enemy 1 K - documents captured. FOO, OLIVER Patrol called down Arty fire AUTOGI I, fire orders being relayed through inf 108 Set.	
		1705	OLIVER patrol reports AUTOGI I clear, signs of recent enemy occupation. Arty shoot accurate.	
		1830	OLIVER patrol bivouacing 11/12 Apr. AUTOGI III.	
	12 Apr	0900	D Coy left 095244.	
		1000	D Coy arrive new location 031238. Role to protect engrs working on road and bridge construction.	
		1015	D Coy captured PW 033238.	
		1200	B Coy reported two 75mm guns 980235.	
		1330	OLIVER Patrol returns to Patrol Base. Patrol report.	Appx 17.
		1930	CO, Lt-col A G CAMERON DSO ordered 16 Pl and Major P R GILMORE MC (2/1 Fd Coy) to KARAWOP for road and beach recce.	
	13 Apr	0830	Lt K R CAMERON and 16 Pl and engr recce party under Maj GILMORE moved out on KARAWOP Patrol.	
		1100	Two 75mm dual purpose AA guns located by B Coy 121200K 980235 dismantled.	
		1500	KARAWOP patrol returned. While returning through KARAWOP PTN Pl fired on by enemy mortars, posn approx 089225. JUKI, in good order, and very recently oiled found 088238 and dismantled. Sketch showing topo infm gained by patrol) Report Barge landing locations)	Appx 18.
		1630	One Jap fired on local patrol WEST of C Coy base perimeter.	

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	14 Apr	0800	D Coy left posn 031238.	
		0900	CO left Bn HQ to visit A, C and D Coys.	
		1000	~~D Coy moving along coast road. L cpl POST P T was killed and~~ Lt H H KELLY, Pte McINERNEY M J and COSTELLO J S were wounded by landmine.	
		1100	Engrs clearing road to KOFI. Lt-col D A CAMERON 2/1 Aust Fd Amb visited Bn.	
		1130	D Coy arrive new location 002238 to protect engineers in road construction.	
		1145	Jap who fired on C Coy 131630K found dead on coy perimeter. Jap had US Army carbine and RAAF pistol (No 806727 - owner 272164 ?).	
		1330	Chaplain HEALEY visited Bn, conducted C of E Communion Service. W3008, W3009 submitted.	Appx 19
	15 Apr	0930	2/1 Aust Inf Bn pass through D Coy en route to KARAWOP. Pte NEWBORN F P of Bn Int Sec, acting as guide for 2/1 Bn, wounded when mortar reported by CAMERON Patrol 13 Apr opened up on forward elements.	
		1100	Lt-col C H GREEN, Comd ~~2/11 Aust Inf Bn~~ and Coy Comds visited CO, and after lunch visited C and D Coys. ~~Lt-col C H GREEN until recently was 2 IC of this Bn.~~	
	16 Apr		2/2 Aust Inf Bn given task of clearing OLD KUMUDU where enemy are reported by natives. C Coy briefed accordingly.	
	17 Apr	1130	C Coy plus Tk A Pl with RMO, FOO, stretcher bearers, native guides and flame throwers depart on patrol to OLD KUMUDU.	
			CO and BM recce Bn area KARAWOP. Capt K H LOVETT and Lt D V GOLDSMITH evacuated to MDS. Capt C M STEVENSON Adm Comd D Coy B.R.O.	Appx 20
	~~18 Apr~~	~~0920~~	~~C Coy assaulted and captured OLD KUMUDU killing four Japs.~~ Own cas Nil.	
		1400	CO and Coy Comds recce bn area KARAWOP. Much debris to be cleared.	

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	18 Apr	1440	C Coy assaulted unmapped village HARIMBOIA. Pte NEWBERRY P A was killed in the attack. Enemy Cas - 1 K.	
		2000	2/2 Aust Inf Bn Instruction re Anti Malarial and Mite precautions KARAWOP area issued.	Appx 21.
			C Coy patrol returned. Patrol report.	Appx 22
	19 Apr	0745	Party under Sig Offr to KARAWOP Plantation to clear bn area.	
		0930	Lt-col D A CAMERON Comd 2/1 Aust Fd Amb visits CO.	
		0950	Warning order. Move to KARAWOP.	Appx 23
			During morning CO visited C Coy.	
		1210	Movement of units suspended until further notice.	Appx 24
		1330	CO had discussion with Bde Comd on road to KARAWOP.	
	20 Apr	0730	Party to KARAWOP to clear Bn area.	
			Int Sjt, Sjt BURLEY F B, to C Coy lecturing on current ops.	
			CO spent morning attending to Adm.	
		1200	First plane, a WIRRAWAY, landed on DAGUA strip.	
		1400	CO visited C Coy.	
			16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No 3 20 Apr. Move to KARAWOP.	Appx 25
	21 Apr	0945	2/2 Aust Inf Bn Op Report 27 Feb to 14 Apr 45.	Appx 26
			W3008, W3009 submitted.	Appx 27
	22 Apr		2/2 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instn 29 - Move to KARAWOP.	Appx 28
	24 Apr	0730	Bn moved KARAWOP Plantation.	
KARAWOP		1200	Bn in position. Locations Bn HQ 076239	
			A Coy 075239	
			B Coy 074237	
			C Coy 077238	
			D Coy 075236	
			HQ Coy)	
			B Ech) 075238	
			CO to Bde.	
			16 Aust Inf Bde O O No 3. Adv to HAWAIN RIVER.	Appx 29.

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	24 Apr	1630	CO held conference and discussed probable roles for Coys. Warning order issued.	
			Roles in Adv:-	
			A Coy reserve and probably hills on right flank.	
			B Coy head adv.	
			C Coy river crossing HAWAIN.	
			D Coy Cooperate with tanks.	
			After HAWAIN River bridged, 19 Aust Inf Bde will move through.	
		1630	Four reinforcement officers marched in: VX14517 Lt R W ROBERTSON, QX 13505 Lt S J MULLER, VX4514 Lt S G WHITE, and NX4597 Lt T J DONOGHUE.	
	25 Apr		Party to KARAWOP Village to witness demonstration of 75mm pack hows firing on PARIS ISLAND.	
		1715	Order, move to BOIKEN, 111227 26 Apr.	Appx 30.
	26 Apr	0730	Bn R Gp moved to recce new bn positions.	
		0830	Bn less Rear Bn HQ, RAP and B Ech, moved out.	
BOIKEN		1200	Bn established new locations Bn HQ 118226 A Coy 117226 B Coy 119226 C Coy 117225 D Coy 118225 HQ Coy 116226	
			C Coy report large ammunition dump in area.	
		1330	CO, Adjt, Sig Offr went forward to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1600	CO returned to Bn.	
		1630	Enemy mortar fired one bomb which fell in B Coy area wounding Sjt HEYMAN T W.	
		1645	COs conference. Order for advance to HAWAIN RIVER 27 Apr. Precis of orders.	Appx 31
		1705	AP mine killed Pte IRVIN C W HQ Coy area.	
		1730	Two more AP mines found on beach 117227. Pnr Pl lifted mines. No trace others in area.	

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	26 Apr	1900	CO requested Tac R first light 27 Apr.	
	27 Apr	0630	Lt J SMILES evacuated to MDS.	
		0645	~~Bn moved D Coy leading.~~	
		0700	Tac R over area.	
		0800	Fwd Coy passed through 2/3 Aust Inf Bn forward elements KALIMBOA.	
		0830	D Coy reach WELUBI. NMS. One tp tks in sp D Coy.	
		0845	D Coy clear NAUGIB. NMS. B Coy move out on right flank along PAROM track at 149204.	
		0910	Fwd elements reach HAWAIN RIVER. NMS. D Coy took up defensive posn WEST bank HAWAIN River 172205.	
HAWAIN			Engr recce of River crossing. 1. Mouth of River sand bar 100 yds long. 2. 30 yards of water. 3. Depth of 3' 6". 1 37 mm gun, observed EAST bank of river, neutralized by tanks. Selected crossing 70 yds SOUTH of River mouth, depth approx 7 ft.	
		0930	~~C Coy and engrs with assault eqpt move up to river bank.~~	
		1010	C Coy made crossing in assault boats; 15 Pl Lt-col A G CAMERON, ~~Capt A H OLIVER~~ with his Coy Comd Gp plus Tk Tp Comd, Lt McMASTERS C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt in first wave, 14 Pl second wave and 13 Pl Coy HQ and Arty FOO in third wave.	
		1025	C Coy consolidate EAST bank. Tks fired on left flank along road to clear possible enemy opposition. The crossing was unopposed.	
		1200	B Coy occupied PAROM, ~~killing three Japs on outskirts.~~ 11 Pl moving to 800 feature 146189 to clear and occupy.	
		1315	~~C Coy established~~ standing patrol 188202 killing 1 Jap 184203, capturing enemy documents. Signs of approx 25 others having fled EAST, leaving fires and food.	

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	27 Apr	1630	B Coy report 800 feature clear. Killed 5 Japs in garden 200 yds NORTH of feature. Own cas - Nil.	
			~~Locations:~~ ~~Bn HQ HAWAIN VILLAGE~~ A Coy WELUBI Village B Coy less 11 Pl PAROM Village. 11 Pl 800 feature 146189. C Coy less 13 Pl 177205. 13 Pl 188202. D Coy 177206. HQ Coy NAUGIB Village.	
	28 Apr	0700	B.R.O. MT bridge over HAWAIN River completed. ~~C Sqn HQ, plus two tps 2/4 Aust Armd Regt moved to 165206.~~ One tp in sp C Coy 27 Apr rejoined Sqn.	Appx 32
		0830	Local patrols move out (1) Lt J W NORRISH and MG Pl (2) Lt J JARVIE and 10 Pl (3) Sjt O'MEARA G J and 14 Pl (4) WOII McHUGH and composite Pl D Coy.	
		1030	Sjt O'MEARA patrol returned, reporting EAST bank HAWAIN River very swampy. NMS.	
		1100	GOC in C First Aust Army Lt-Gen V A STURDEE and official party ~~visited CO. General STURDEE~~ enquired after the health of the troops and their ability to endure further campaigning. He questioned CO about the troops reactions to sudden increase of malaria after being reduced from two atebrin to one atebrin tablet per day. He expressed surprise at the light opposition met in the latter stages of our advance and congratulated the unit on its ~~sustained agression since leaving WANK Ck and the rapidity~~ of its thrusts. ~~Diagramatic representation~~ of relative advances 16 Aust Inf Bde Coastal Sector.	Appx 33.

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	28 Apr	1130	C Coy captured 1 PW and enemy documents 186203.	
			Lt J JARVIE Patrol returned, area EAST of PAROM NMS.	
			~~WOII McHUGH patrol returned, WEST bank HAWAIN River very~~ swampy. NMS.	
			~~Patrol report~~	Appx 34
		1140	C Coy report finding quantity of AP mine fuzes in coy area.	
		1255	Enemy documents received from A and B Coys forwarded to Bde.	
		1500	Pnr Pl relieved 11 Pl on 800 feature. 11 Pl revert B Coy.	
		1815	Lt D K NORRISH patrol returns. Reports killing 5 Japs, own cas Nil.	
			Patrol report	Appx 35
			Analysis of evacuations to hospital 23 Mar - 28 Apr 45	Appx 36
	29 Apr	0900	Recce Gp 19 Aust Inf Bde pass through C Coy, returning after lunch.	
		1215	Two Japs approached B Coy perimeter, one killed, one escaped.	
			B Ech, RAP and Rear Bn HQ moved up from KARAWOP to new location, WELUBI.	
			Two dets mortar pl to 2/6 Aust Cav Commando Regt for training amphibious Ops.	
	30 Apr	1000	Brig R KING DSO visited CO.	
		1100	~~C Coy new location 179204.~~	Appx 37.
			Map BUT EAST 1 in	
			~~28-29-30 Apr~~ tps engaged in preparing camp area and resting, taking full advantage of native canoes for sport & fishing, swimming popular.	
			During the month all ranks continued to collect and forward enemy documents and equipment to Bde, much of which provided valuable information on EOB, defences and tactics.	

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			SUMMARY	
			After the strenuous activity of the previous months it was anticipated that when the unit was relieved as leading Bn it would be granted a period of rest; the only responsibilities being the protection of the L of C from KENGEN to the HAWAIN river and patrolling in the PAROM, NUMBATUI, NUMIKEN, RANIMBOA triangle.	
			This rest period failed to materialise as the CO was informed on 10 May that the unit would move to the CAPE WOM area on 13 May and come under command 19 Aust Inf Bde with the general tasks of protecting the L of C and providing the working parties necessary to maintain the Bde Gp.	
			As 19 Aust Inf Bde activities necessitated comitting all Bns the number and frequency of these parties was high; 33 working parties and escorts involving over 500 personnel were provided.	
			PATROL ACTIVITIES.	
			(a) HAWAIN area.	
			Patrols operated about PAROM, NUMBATUI and EAST to the HAWAIN until 10 May killing one enemy.	
			(b) YARABOS area.	
			One task of the Bn while under command 19 Bde was to prevent enemy infiltration towards the coast by way of the YARABOS track.	
			Numerous local patrols were carried out, small parties of enemy being sighted on almost every occasion. These were	

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			stragglers who fled on the approach of our patrols. On 21 May Lt D R CLARKE with two platoons from B Coy patrolled to the track junction WEST of YARABOS (W235106) and encountered an enemy party of unknown strength equipped with an aircraft MG and rifles. The patrol killed two enemy and wounded a third and then withdrew; own casualties one wounded.	
			(c) SPECIAL PATROLS.	
			On 11 May a special patrol was carried out to report on the suitability of GUAP ISLAND as a convalescent camp and on 20 May under instructions from 19 Aust Inf Bde to RABOIN ISLAND for the same purpose. GUAP was found to be a suitable area except for the problem of water supply but RABOIN proved unsuitable due to the extent of swamp which covered almost the whole island.	
			DOVE BAY LANDING.	
			The mortar platoon took an active part in the landing at DOVE BAY with FARIDA FORCE. Two detachments under command Lt P C BEENIE fired 400 bombs from an LCM in support of the landing. The mounting of the mortars and preparatory training was left in the hands of Lt BEENIE and the two detachment commanders.	
			In the actual landing results were highly satisfactory, a report by Maj G D MITCHELL OC 43 Aust Landing Craft Coy on the work of the mortars was complimentary. (Appx 12).	
			MEDICAL	
			1. Evacuations for month.	

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			PUO 233 Skin Diseases 11 Otitis 9 Diarrhoea 4 Accidents 6 Other diseases 17 280	
			2. HEALTH OF THE BN Malarial evacuations continued at a high level and despite much controversy no solution was found to this problem. Troops continue to report pyrexia of uncertain origin and to return with relapses of malaria after treatment. General resistance appears to be low. In general health could not be placed higher than "fair". Incidence of major skin disease seems to be abating.	
			3. SEVERITY OF CONDITIONS. Battle "stress" was reduced considerably. In general, work and training of troops was moderate at the end of the month.	
			4. HYGIENE. Satisfactory.	
			5. CLOTHING. Clothing replacements were inadequate resulting in insufficient changes of clothing and articles of clothing	

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			falling into disrepair. This particularly applied to shirts and trousers. Such shortage prejudiced personal hygiene and personal protection as an adjunct to malarial control.	
			6. RATIONS.	
			Good. SWPA rations have been supplemented by fresh meat, fresh vegetables (from Jap gardens) and fresh fish. A fishing team of four natives has been attached daily under arrangement with ANGAU.	
			7. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.	
			Discipline good. There was a shortage of mosquito spray, hand sprays and FREON bombs for the destruction of adult mosquitoes.	
			Q MATTERS	
			1. A.S.C.	
			Rations during the month of May were excellent. On the other hand, there was a general slackening off in expense stores. The units location necessitated the maximum use of spray and malariol to combat the mosquito menace, but at times these items were in short supply and adequate spraying could not be carried out.	
			2. ORDNANCE.	
			Ordnance supplies were very slow in coming forward and clothing indents have not yet been fulfilled. 255 men in the	

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			unit are without two pairs of trousers and 137 without two shirts. A small issue of shirts and trousers was made on 11 May 45. Indents are submitted fortnightly. There was practically no variation in sizes of trousers, most of them being in large sizes. The clothing of troops can only be described as scandalous. Men are forced to borrow a change while their only outfit is being washed. Small men are wearing large trousers, which besides being ludicrous are uncomfortable to wear, whilst others have outfits so warn and mended that they afford little protection. The supply of boots have been good and so have other items of ordnance stores with the exception of watches and compasses liquid. 3. TRANSPORT. The unit is still without the eighth jeep which has not been received from the mainland. Until this can be written off by LHQ no replacement can be made. As two jeepsare off the road daily for maintenance the five remaining vehicles are not sufficient for the work entailed.	

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Ref Maps: BUT EAST 1" to 1 mile WEWAK WEST 1" " " WEWAK 1/20000				
	1 May	1700	A patrol from B Coy to investigate the track from YUNGO to NUMBATUI reported NMS and that there was no evidence of this track being used by the enemy as an L of C.	
			Bn dispositions 011800K Bn HQ HAWAIN 168206 A Coy WELUBI 152204 B Coy PAROM 164180 C Coy 177205 D Coy 172206 HQ Coy - 5 Pl NAUGIB 160205 5 Pl 800 feature 146188	
			The strength of the Bn 25 Offrs 466 ORs .	
			W3008 and W3009 submitted.	Appx 1.
	2 May	0830	The CO held a conference outlining the new Bde and Bn boundaries and issued the Bn Operation order for the defence of the sector. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn OO 2	Appx 2
		1515	An enemy straggler was killed by a Sig line party on the PAROM track 155194.	
			Additional anti-malarial precautions were instituted with special attention to prevention of mosquito bites at entertainments. Amendment No 1 to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Adm Order No 20 Appx B of 25 Sep 44.	Appx 3.
	3 May	0930	2/4 Aust Inf Bn moved through the unit along the coast 2/8 Aust Inf Bn passing through B Coy en route to RANIMBOA.	
		1145	HQ Coy moved to 153204.	

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	3 May	1500	Brig R KING visited the CO and warned him that 2/2 Bn might be required to participate in 19 Aust Inf Bde operations to capture WEWAK.	
		1530	Lt-col D A CAMERON CO 2/1 Aust Fd Amb visited the unit.	
		1630	7 Pl returned from a patrol to PAROM NUMBATUI and the HAWAIN River NMS.	
			Location changes :-	
			HQ Coy 153204	
			D Coy 158204	
	4 May		B Coy reported the creek at 964181 was jeepable.	
			Lt L T HALL evacuated to 2/1 MDS.	
	5 May		Capt H H McLENNAN RTU ex 2/1 MDS.	
			W3008 W3009 submitted	Appx 4
	6 May		C Coy located 5 huts in good condition 175185.	
			Lt G COYLE RTU ex 104 CCS.	
			Instructions were issued that Jap cemeteries and graves would not be interfered with as Indian PW had frequently been buried in adjacent areas.	Appx 5
			2/2 Aust Inf Bn Op Report 15-28 Apr was submitted.	Appx 6
	7 May		Patrols from B Coy reported the area to WEST and SW of PAROM clear.	
			The Pioneer Pl reverted to comd HQ Coy.	
	8 May		Patrols from B Coy to the 1000' feature 147172 and the 800' feature 146189 reported NMS.	
			A message of congratulation on the Bde drive from ABAU to the HAWAIN River was received from the GOC 6 Aust Div.	Appx 7

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	8 May		For some time it had been apparent that there was a delay in returning Xlist personnel to their units and the CO sent Lt G COYLE to BUT to investigate. It was found that these personnel while in 6 Aust Div Reception Camp were being retained to unload barges.	
			While at BUT Lt COYLE compiled a list of 16 Bde personnel employed unloading barges.	Appx 8
	9 May		B Coy was relieved by C Coy at PAROM. B Coy 165206 C Coy PAROM	
			Nine cases of scrub typhus had been evacuated from the unit, four of whom died and further measures were taken by Bn to minimise the risk of infection. An instruction permitting the removal of shirts except when engaged in hard manual labour was cancelled and the wearing of shorts forbidden.	Appx 9
			List of personnel who died from typhus:- NX122150 Pte EATON R E NX15654 Pte KENNEDY A R NX110066 " LAUDER J A NX47838 " WALMSLEY G H (Died 10 May).	
			Lt J SMILES RTU ex 2/1 MDS.	
	10 May	0745	The OC HQ Coy accompanied by the Sig O made a recce of the CAPE WOM area.	
		0900	The Bn was placed on 2 hours notice to move to CAPE WOM. Message 0437.	Appx 10
		1000	Brig R KING visited the CO and arranged for 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to relieve 2/2 Bn when the latter moved out to CAPE WOM.	
		1030	Lt-col HUTCHINSON CO 2/3 Bn visited the CO and discussed the handing over of Bn responsibilities to 2/3 Bn.	
		1430	C Coy was relieved by 14 Pl 2/3 Bn and moved down to the beach 155204.	

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	10 May	1530	Capt H G McCAMMON went to 6 Aust Div to act as observer at the DOVE BAY landing made by FARIDA FORCE 11 May. During the day a native patrol to GUAP island reported the island unoccupied. Capt G C WATSON RTU ex LHQ Tac School Maj A H BAIRD RTU ex LHQ Tac School Lt H H KELLY RTU ex 2/11 AGH. Instructions dealing with the guarding and disposal of captured enemy airforce equipment were issued.	Appx 11
	11 May	0830	FARIDA FORCE landed at DOVE BAY. The Bn was represented at the landing by 2 dets of mortars under command Lt P C BEENIE. They fired approximately 400 rounds from an LCM in support of the landing. This was the first time mortars had been fired from Australian landing craft in support of a landing by Australian troops and involved considerable preparation and experiment. All preliminary preparations to construct a suitable mounting for the mortars and the training syllabus were left in the hands of Lt BEENIE and the mortar crews. The Syllabus of training covered 6 days:- DAY 1. Experiments in the construction of a framework for the base plate and bipod. DAY 2. UNEI Island. 150 rounds were fired from a landing craft at varying speeds and ranges. a. With LCM stationary at 1600x using 6 secondaries. b. LCM moving inshore at approx 7 knots using varying secondaries. It was found that firing from an LCM moving at 7 knots commencing at 1600x the following table applied.	

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	11 May		Rapid fire for 1 minute using 6 secondaries. " " " " " 5 " " " " " " 4 " " " " " " 3 " " " " " " 2 " with all bombs in the target area. DAY 3. Further firing practices at varying speeds. DAY 4. Modifications to mounting fixtures on LCM. DAYS 5 & 6. Rehearsals for landing. During the actual landing the mortar barges moored 200x inshore from the point of departure and fired from H - 7 minutes to H - 30 seconds. The opening rounds were 70x offshore the remainder covering the target area; when the first wave was 200x offshore the mortar barges returned to BUT under escort of MLs. During the shoot two misfires occurred due to overheating; this was remedied by pouring water over the barrels. Report on 3" Mortar fire in support of the DOVE BAY landing by OC 43 Aust Landing Craft Coy RAE. BRO Part II Appointments and Promotions.	Appx 12 Appx 13
		1200	A patrol from Bn HQ to GUAP Island reported NMS. A report was submitted to 16 Aust Inf Bde on the suitability of the island as a convalescent camp.	Appx 14
	12 May	2100	The CO held a conference dealing with the following :- a. Prevalence of typhus, malaria and skin diseases and further measures to be taken. Although the Bn figures showed an increase in strength of 100, many malarial relapses had occurred. All personnel returning from hospital were to be	

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	12 May		given light work only, for a week. b. Although anti typhus measures had been followed, in every case where personnel had been evacuated with typhus evidence of carelessness could be found. Anti-typhus measures; Officers must assume absolute responsibility for the carrying out of these measures. c. Skin troubles. This problem was still unsolved and the anti-typhus regulations as to wearing of shirts did not help. Coy commanders were instructed to examine their troops personally and immediately send any incipient cases of skin trouble to the RMO. B. Bn movement Order. The Bn was to move to CAPE WOM on 13 May by MT and barge. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Adm Inst No 30. W3008 W3009 submitted	Appx 15 Appx 16
	13 May	0830	The CO and R Gp moved out by MT to recce Coy areas at CAPE WOM. On arrival at the HAWAIN River the bridge had been washed away and the party returned to NAUGIB and were ferried by LCM to the EAST bank of the river.	
		0915	The first barge was loaded at NAUGIB under the direction of Maj A H BAIRD acting as Beachmaster. In all, two runs were made by four barges, one barge making a further run. On arrival at CAPE WOM the CO decided after conferring with the Comd 19 Bde that because of delays and alteration in plan caused by the HAWAIN bridge being washed away the Bn would concentrate in the CAPE WOM area for the night 13/14 May.	
		1830	By 1830 all personnel were bivouaced on CAPE WOM 277155. Seven trucks of stores arrived 1930. On arrival in the area the Bn came under command 19 Aust Inf Bde.	

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	13 May	1915	The CO Lt-col A G CAMERON DSO held a conference of Coy Comds dealing with the following:- A. Tactical Role of the Bn. 1. Defence of WOM area. 2. Defence of MDS. 3. Defence of L of C from 800x WEST of MDS to the road and track junction 288085. 4. To keep the track from 288085 to WARINGE base clear. 5. To clear the track from 288085 to YARABOS with a patrol limit 1000x WEST of YARABOS. B. Coy Tasks. 1. A Coy to defend WOM Peninsula. 2. B Coy to establish a platoon defensive position at 258095 and keep the track from 288085 clear. 3. C Coy to protect the MDS and prevent enemy infiltration from the SOUTH and SW. 4. D Coy to occupy a position at 282091 and be responsible for the L of C from A to B Coy. 5. HQ Coy to remain CAPE WOM and assist in defence of Peninsula. 6. Bn HQ to move to 285088.	
	14 May	0730 1200	B, C, and D Coys moved to their new areas. Bn HQ closed WOM Peninsula reopening at the same time 285088. During the morning the CO visited all Coys. Locstat at 141800K. Bn HQ 285088 A Coy 275117 B Coy - 12 Pl 285085 12 Pl 258094 C Coy 262118 D Coy 282091. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn dispositions.	Appx 17

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	14 May		Lt D K NORRISH evacuated to 2/7 MDS.	
	15 May	0830	The CO made a recce of an area for D Coy on WEWAK Point.	
		1030	D Coy established WEWAK Pt.	
			B Echelon commenced movement to D Coys previous area but transport was delayed by flooding of the WARINGE River and movement was not completed until 16 May.	
			During the morning a Tac R message was dropped to 12 Pl at YARABOS but the message could not be recovered.	
			Enquiries were made at 19 Bde HQ and at 1215 the CO was informed that natives reported YARABOS re-occupied by enemy based on SAMBUKAU.	
			Location changes - D Coy 318084	
			10 Pl 293083	
			B Ech 282091	
			As from 15 May working parties and carrier escorts were supplied to 19 Bde daily, the numbers required were frequently out of proportion to the personnel available. This continued until 1 Jun when the Bn reverted to Command 16 Bde. Working parties supplied by 2/2 Bn from 14 May to 31 May.	Appx 18
			Capt C M STEVENSON evacuated 2/7 MDS.	
	16 May	0830	Tac R report on the YARABOS area was received and the information passed on to a patrol consisting of Lt FERGUSON and 7 Pl patrolling to the track junction WEST of YARABOS.	
		1800	Lt FERGUSON patrol returned and reported that three Japs were sighted who ran down the PAROM track.	
			Maj J C S GILMORE evacuated to 2/7 MDS.	
			Lt V H EAMES evacuated to 2/7 MDS.	
			During the day Maj MURRAY BM 19 Bde visited the CO.	

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	17 May		A carrier escort from B Coy killed one Jap on the BIG ROAD 317054. ~~Lt A N O PERMEZEL evacuated to 2/7 MDS.~~	
	18 May		During the day Brig MARTIN visited the CO and discussed operations and probable moves of the Bn. Capt K H LOVETT RTU ex 2/11 AGH. A salvage dump was established in B Ech.	Appx 19
	19 May	1000 1030	Maj MURRAY BM 19 Bde visited the CO. Brig R KING conferred with the CO at Bn HQ and requested him to recce areas for 16 Bde Gp when Bde areas were allotted by 6 Aust Div.	
		1100	The CO and Adjt made a recce of Cape BORAM. During the day Capt WATSON Made a recce of RABOIN island and reported it unsuitable for a convalescent camp.	Appx 20
			A patrol from 12 Pl led by Cpl EDGAR killed 1 Jap at YARABOS and one at 248105. The patrol reported evidence that the Japs were using the gardens, probably at night. 19 Aust Inf Bde 007 issued to the Bn, divided the operation into two main tasks.	Appx 21
			a. To hold the enemy in present area incl SAURI, WIRUI and YARABOS. b. Phase 1. To capture BORAM DROME. Phase II. Clear the coastal sector to BRANDI. (Phase II was later postponed until MOEM Peninsula was cleared) The role of the Bn while these tasks were being carried out was - During Task 1 to prevent enemy infiltration from the YARABOS area and during Task 2, less one Coy to act as Bde	

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	19 May	[illegible]	reserve. In preparation for the operation the Bn was ordered to relieve 2/4 Bn of the responsibility of the defence of ~~WEWAK DROME by 201200K.~~	Appx 22
			W3008 ~~&~~3009 submitted.	Appx 23
			A memo was received from the DADH 6 Div expressing appreciation of the map showing localisation of cases of scrub typhus contraction around the DAGUA strip prepared by the Bn. The DADH also stated that a mite survey of the area showed an extremely heavy population throughout the whole strip.	Appx 24
	20 May	0830	The CO and OC A Coy made a recce of a Coy area on WEWAK DROME. Maj-Gen J E S STEVENS GOC 6 Div expressed concern at the long stretch of unoccupied coast between 16 Bde and C Coy at CAPE WOM. The CO then ordered that a platoon from C Coy would move to Cape PUS and be responsible for the protection of the L of C in that area.	
		0900	13 Pl moved to CAPE PUS.	
		1045	A Coy established WEWAK DROME.	(Attached Appx 21)
		1900	An amendment to 19 Bde ~~OO~~ 7 was received.	
			Location changes - ~~A Coy less 7 Pl 321061~~ 7 Pl 328056	
			13 Pl 237165	
			By this time the Bn covered a large area extending from CAPE PUS to WEWAK DROME and varied responsibilities as follows:-	
			A Coy (321061) and 7 Pl (328056) on WEWAK DROME responsible for its defence.	
			B Coy - 12 Pl at the track and road junc (288085) and 12 Pl at YARABOS gardens were responsible for prevention of enemy infiltration down the YARABOS track.	
			C Coy - 13 Pl WEST of CAPE WOM (262118) was responsible for protection of the MDS.	
			13 Pl at CAPE PUS responsible for protection of the L of C in that area.	

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	20 May		D Coy at WEWAK Point (317084) was responsible for defence of the Peninsula.	
			Bn HQ (285088) and B Echelon (282091) were established EAST of the WARINGE River bridge.	
			HQ Coy remaining at CAPE WOM, was responsible for the protection of the Cape and seaward defence.	
			A rest camp for 2/11 Bn was established in B Echelon area.	
			Lt S J MULLER marched out to GDD BRISBANE pending retirement.	
			Congratulatory messages were received from the C in C, the GOC First Aust Army and Lt-Gen Sir Edmund HERRING on the successful operations in the area and a V Day message from the 2nd Bn association.	Appx 25 Appx 26
			On 17 May 16 Bde ~~it~~ was notified that 65% of malaria cases in Australian troops serving outside Australia had occurred in 16 Bde Gp and that in view of the alarming figures maximum precautions must be taken to prevent personnel being bitten by mosquitoes. The information was passed to the Bn and rigid instructions covering the Div instruction on the wearing of shirts, the use of Mary, FREON bombs, spraying of tents and breeding grounds and supervision of atebrin parades were issued.	Appx 27
	21 May	0300	Five enemy attempting to infiltrate 7 Pl area were fired on by our troops, enemy 1 killed 1 wounded.	
		1150	A local patrol from A Coy located a JUKI and tripod in good condition (327046).	
		1500	A section patrol from 13 Pl investigating a report that 3 enemy had been sighted in the vicinity of the native refugee camp reported NMS.	
		1715	Lt D R CLARKE reported that while patrolling with 10 Pl to the track junction WEST of YARABOS 2 enemy were engaged at the covered bridge (246103) but escaped. At 1320 the patrol was	

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	21 May		fired on by an MG, probably a twin barrelled aireraft type at the track junction. After killing 2 enemy and wounding a third the patrol withdrew, own cas one wounded.	
			Location changes -: 10 Pl relieved 12 Pl 258094.	
	22 May	0510	A party of 6 enemy approached 7 Pl and threw grenades into the perimeter, there were no casualties.	
		0900	The CO attended a conference at 6 Aust Div HQ to obtain details of 16 Bde responsibilities whenthe Bde moved to WEWAK. Regrouping of Bdes and allocation of Bn areas were discussed.	
		1000	The CO and Adjt made a recce of suitable Bn areas.	
		2100	Three enemy approached 7 Pl and shots were exchanged without casualties.	
			During the day a section patrol from 13 Pl accompanied by natives patrolled a well used track running from 195193 to 204165 and reported NMS.	
			Lt G E S BAKER marched out on compassionate leave.	
	23 May	0815	The CO went to 16 Bde and reported the results of the recce of Bn areas for the Bde Gp, the CO also outlined the Bde boundaries and details of 16 Bde responsibilities.	
		0845	HQ Coy moved to WEWAK DROME.	
		0915	The GOC called to see the CO.	
		1400	Arty registration was carried out in the YARABOS area. (244105, 238108, 235106)	
			Location changes - HQ Coy 321061 A Coy 328056	
			Maj H H McLENNAN evacuated to 2/7 MDS.	
	24 May		The CO spent the morning in adm and during the afternoon made a further recce of Bn areas for 16 Bde Gp accompanied by	

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			Capt M LONG LOI 16 Bde. Subsequent to a conversation between the CO and Lt-col J BISHOP GI 6 Div regarding Bde and Bn areas he was informed by the GOC Maj-Gen J E S STEVENS that the entire BORAM area was reserved for Base which was expected to move from AITAPE within 11 days. Base would also require DALLMAN Harbour and WEWAK PT (for an AGH), and MOEM Peninsula (for the RAAF, RAN and Base Details). The CO pointed out that this virtually meant that Inf units instead of resting would be relegated to swamps and hilltops. General STEVENS agreed and stated that on arrival of the Commander First Aust Army he would demand an area between the BORAM strip and the beach for 16 Bde units. The CO then tentatively allotted areas as follows; 16 Bde HQ EAST of CAPE BORAM, 2/1 Bn WEST of CAPE WOM about DALLMAN Harbour, 2/3 Bn NORTH of BORAM strip, 2/2 Bn WEWAK WEST harbour and 2/1 Fd Amb adjacent to 16 Bde in BORAM BAY.	
	25 May		Lt J W NORRIE evacuated to 2/7 MDS. A Coy and HQ dispositions 251200K.	Appx 28.
	26 May	0730	A hostile 75 mm gun fired 10 rounds which passed over HQ Coy and fell into 2/4 Bn B Ech. Both HQ and D Coy spotted the flash and artillery engaged the area. During the day Padre ALCORN rescued 2 Indian PW while returning from YARABOS. The new RMO Capt N E CRESWICK-JACKSON joined the unit. W3008 W3009 submitted.	Appx 29
	27 May		The CO visited Coys accompanied by the RMO.	
	28 May	0900	The CO attended a conference at 6 Div HQ regarding the move of 16 Bde to WEWAK. Later he made a recce of the BORAM area with Brig R KING and the ADMS.	

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	28 May	1030 1500	The Public Relations Officer Capt WILMOTT visited the unit. The mobile Bath Unit operated in the Bn area.	
			During the day HQ Coy provided an escort for an Engineer recce party looking for a suitable route for a road to the 770' feature.	
		1900	Pictures were screened in B Coy area.	
	29 May	1130	11 Pl preparing to relieve 10 Pl patrolled to YARABOS and surprised 4 enemy in the gardens. Shots were exchanged and the enemy fled without casualties.	
		1600	Capt WATSON OC HQ Coy assisted the Arty in bringing down fire on the enemy gun which fired a further 10 rounds into 2/4 B Ech.	
			Change in location - 11 Pl relieved 10 Pl YARABOS.	
			2/2 Aust Inf Bn Part II Orders	Appx 30
	30 May		A local patrol to the YARABOS gardens reported NMS.	
		1915	The Waratah Concert Party played in Bn HQ area.	
			Change in location - 2 Pl from CAPE WOM to WARINGE River 281092.	
	31 May	0930	Brig R ~~KING visited the CO~~.	
		1400	The CO attended a conference at 6Div HQ presided over by the GOC. This conference was held so that Brig SINTON VC malariologist who had been sent by the British War Office to investigate malarial control measures in the SWPA could discuss the matter with unit commanders. This investigation was made as large bodies of British troops will soon be operating in the Pacific.	
			Brig SINTON in view of the precautions taken in this area was surprised that one atebrin tablet a day would not suppress malaria.	
			He asked COs some pertinent questions which convinced the CO	

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	31 May		2/2 Bn that a review of the anti-mosquito campaign would be justified. See Appx	31.
			Maj J C S GILMORE OC B Coy RTU ex 2/11 AGH Capt C M STEVENSON RTU ex 2/11 AGH. Capt R C SOMERVILLE OC Rear Details evacuated to 2/11 AGH. Locations as at 311800K.	
			Bn HQ 285088 A Coy 328056 B Coy - 11 Pl 288085 11 Pl 258094 C Coy - 13 Pl 262118 13 Pl CAPE PUS D Coy 317084 HQ Coy - 2 Pl 321061 2 Pl 281092 B Ech 282091.	
			Strength of the Unit 26 Offrs 487 ORs.	
			Evacuations for the month - WIA 1 Sickness 279 280	
			Returns to unit 297.	
			A Cameron Lt-col (A G CAMERON) Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	
			8 Jun 45	

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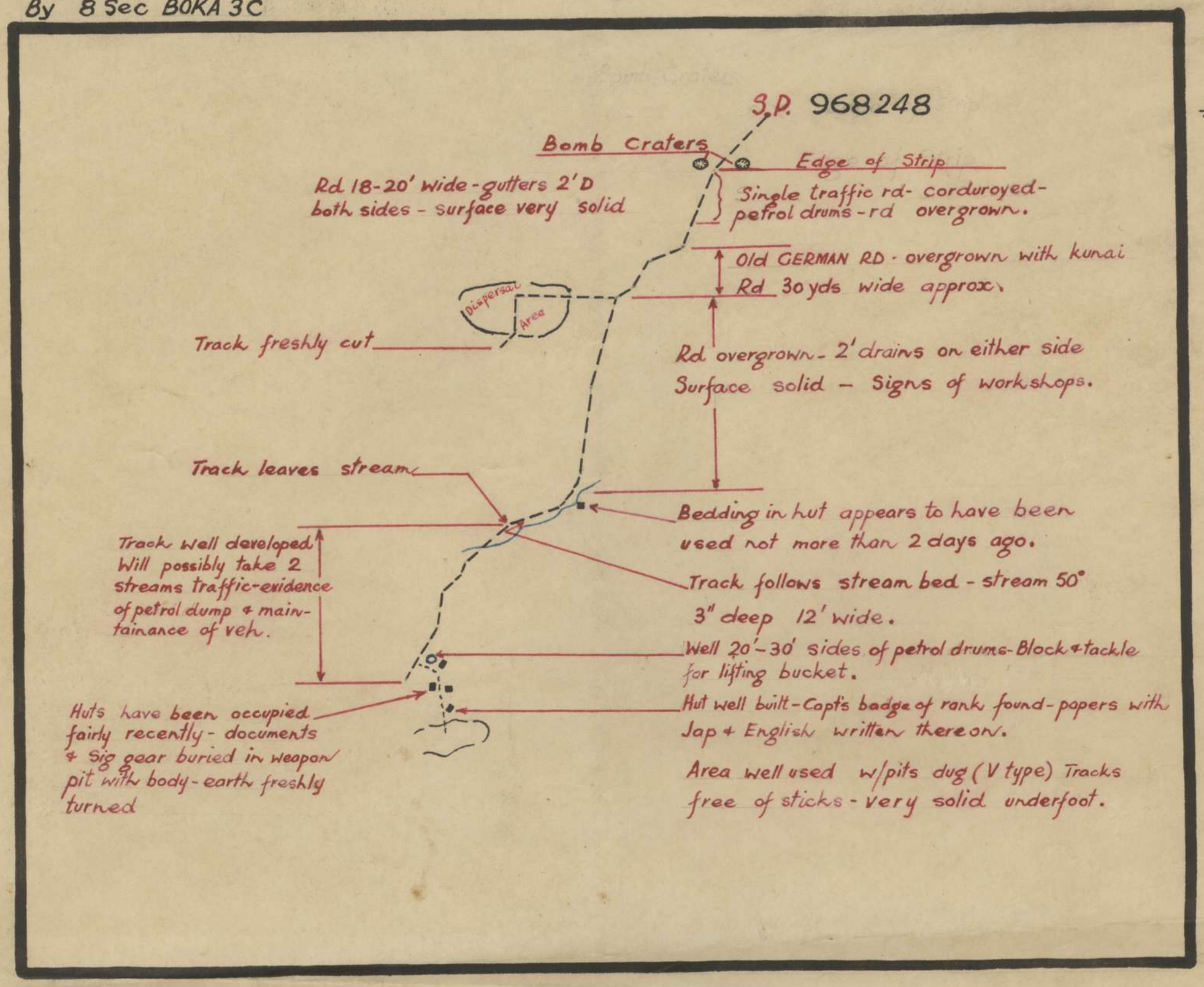
Appx 1.

TRACK TRAVERSE 1 APR 45

Time Out - 0830
Time In - 1230
By 8 Sec BOKA 3C



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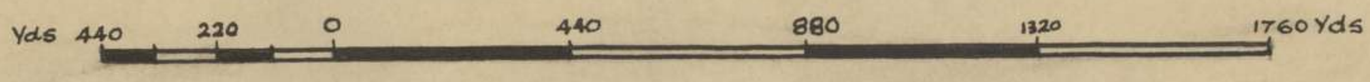

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~~APPX "B"~~

Appx 2

DIAGRAMATIC SKETCH OF OPERATIONS

JIKKOKU MTN PASS AREA

24 Mar - 6 Apr

1 - 24 Mar 11 Pl captured 1410 feature
2 - 25 Mar A Coy captured CHOWNE KNOLL
3 - 26 Mar 14 Pl attacked JAP KNOLL - withdrew to CHOWNE KNOLL
4 - 27 Mar A Coy attacked JAP KNOLL - withdrew to CHOWNE KNOLL
5 - 28 Mar B Coy relieved A Coy on CHOWNE KNOLL
6 - 2 APR B Coy captured JAP KNOLL
7 - 3 Apr A Coy cut Mtn rd after attacking LOW KNOLL
8 - 5 Apr 2/3 Bn patrol contacted A Coy
9 - 6 Apr A Coy cleared rd NORTH and contacted D Coy

MN

D Coy patrols 24 & 25 Mar

1410'

CHOWNE KNOLL

JAP KNOLL

LOW KNOLL

creek

GRASSY KNOLL

HIGH KNOLL

B Coy patrol 28 Mar

SCALE 1 in to 200 yds approx

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Appx 2A

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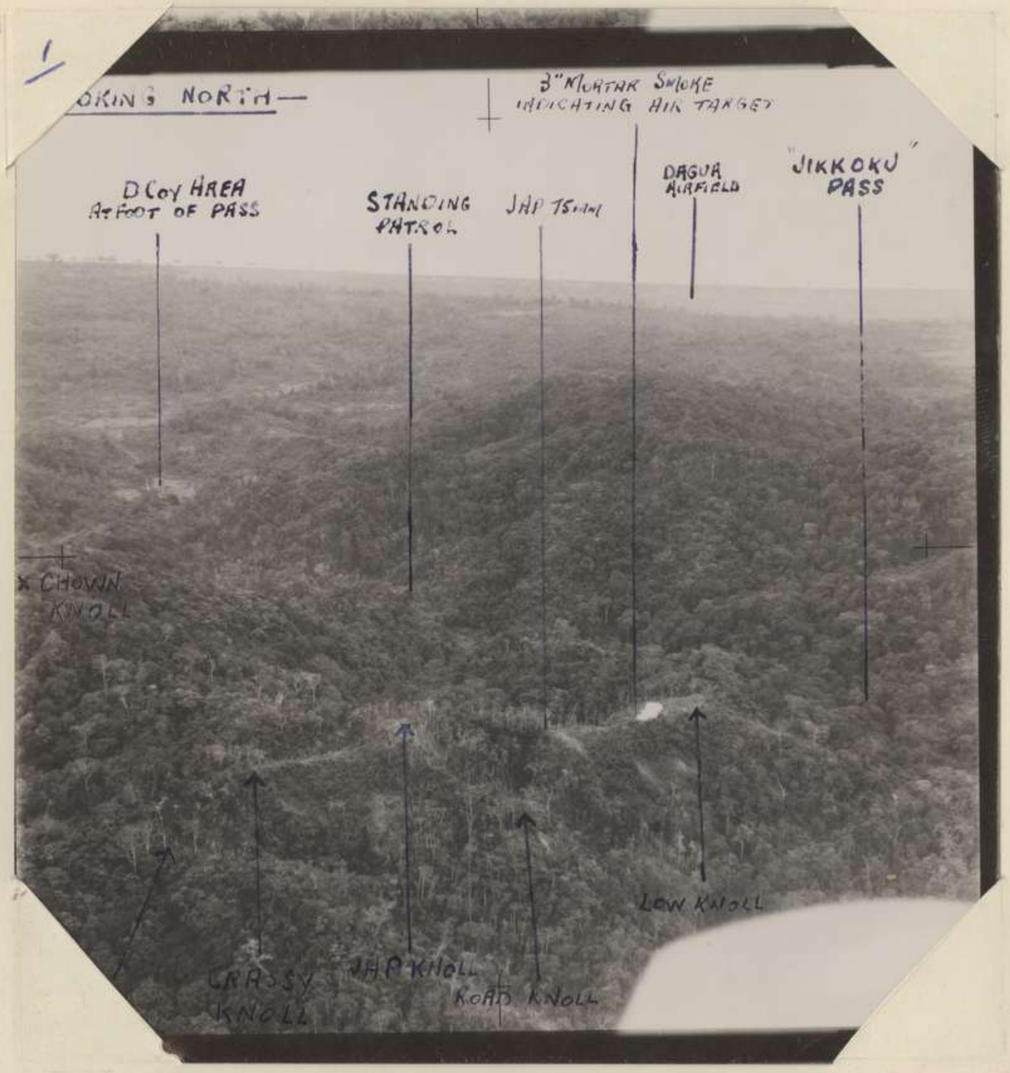

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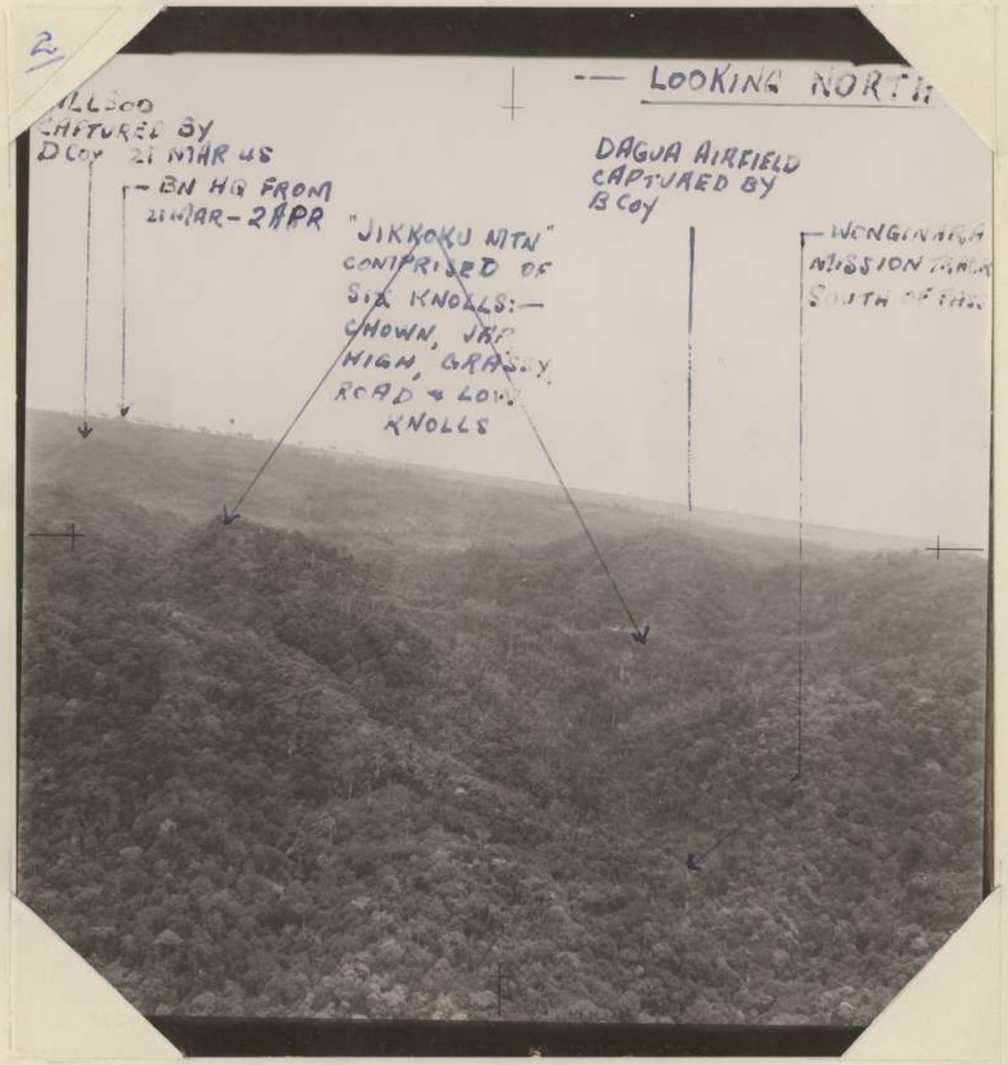

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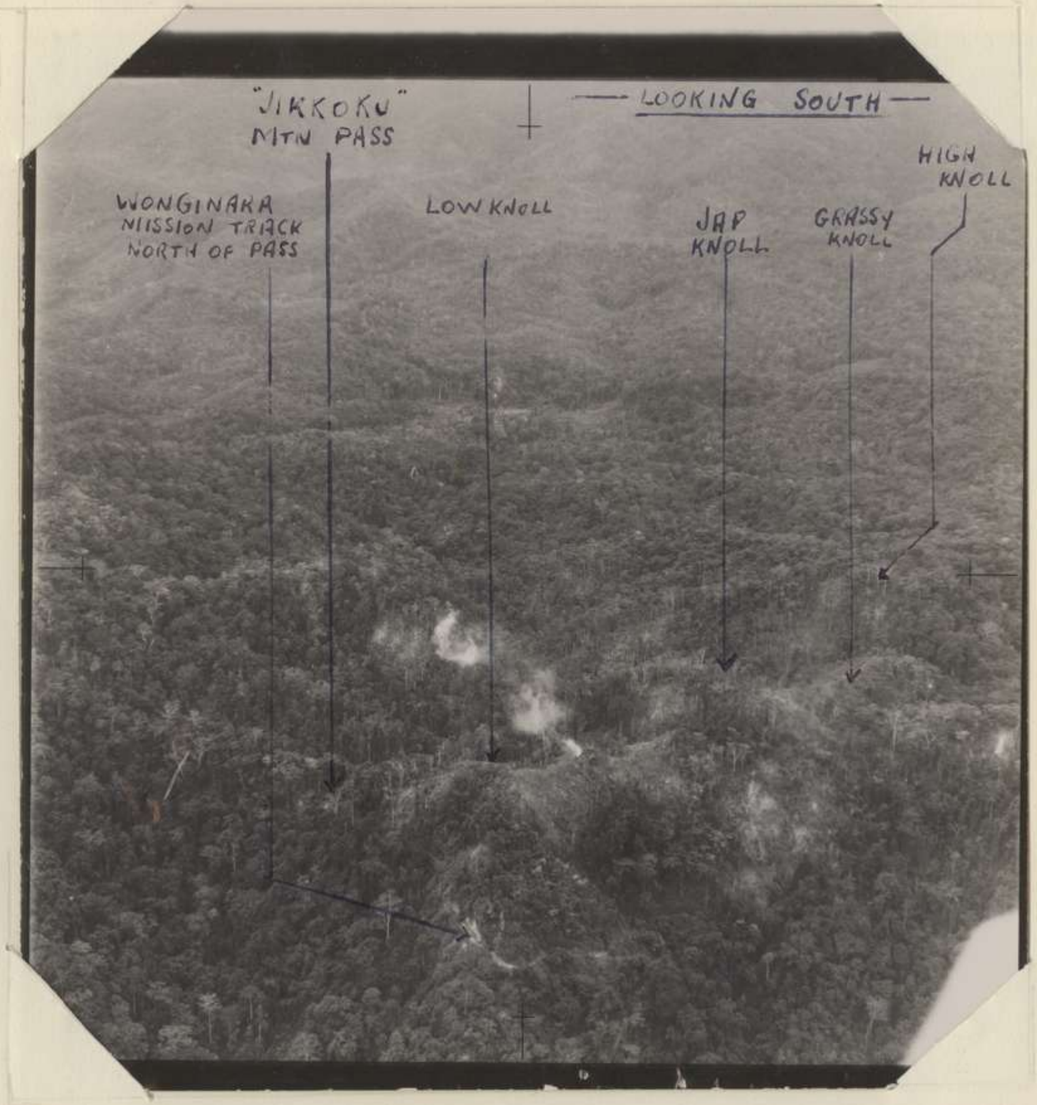

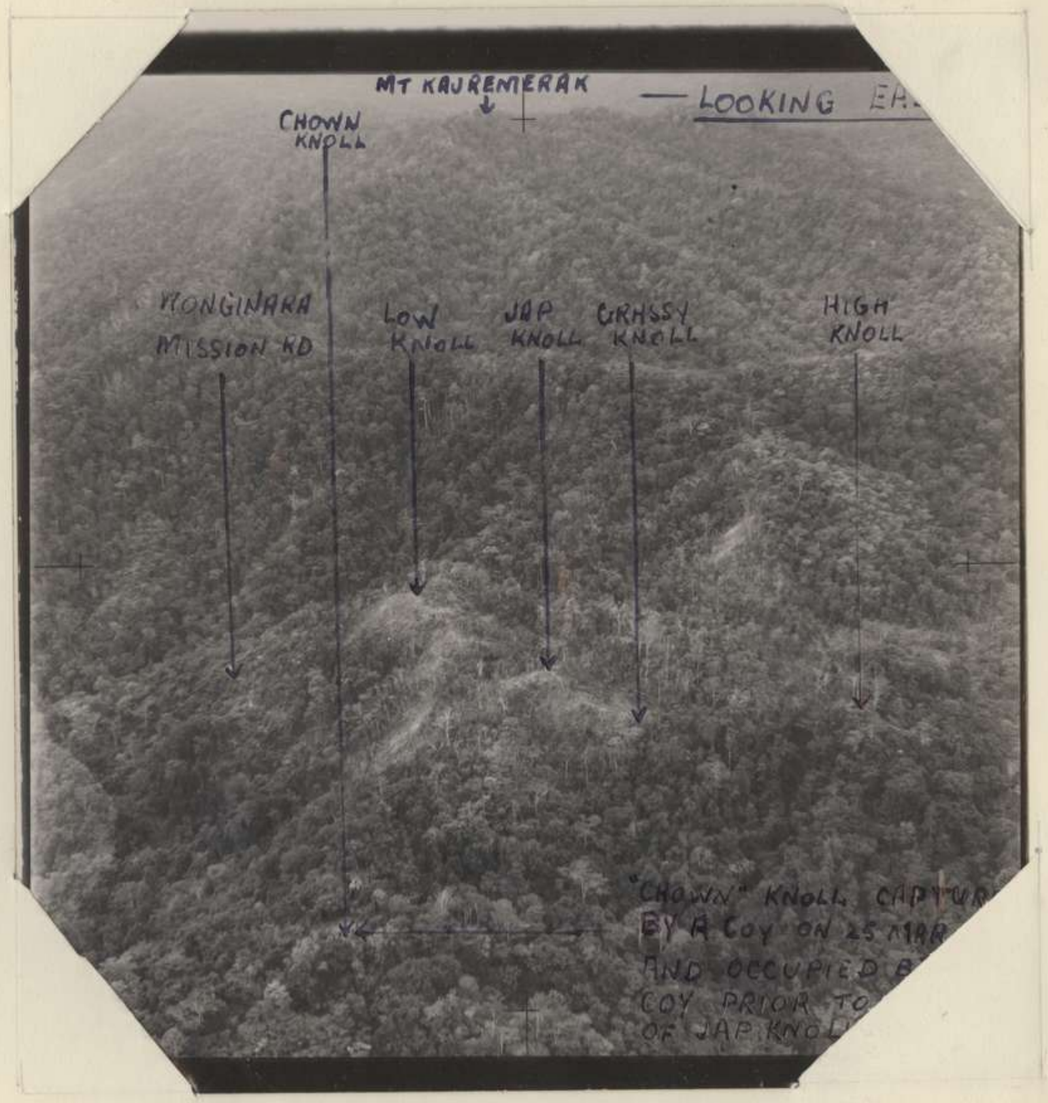

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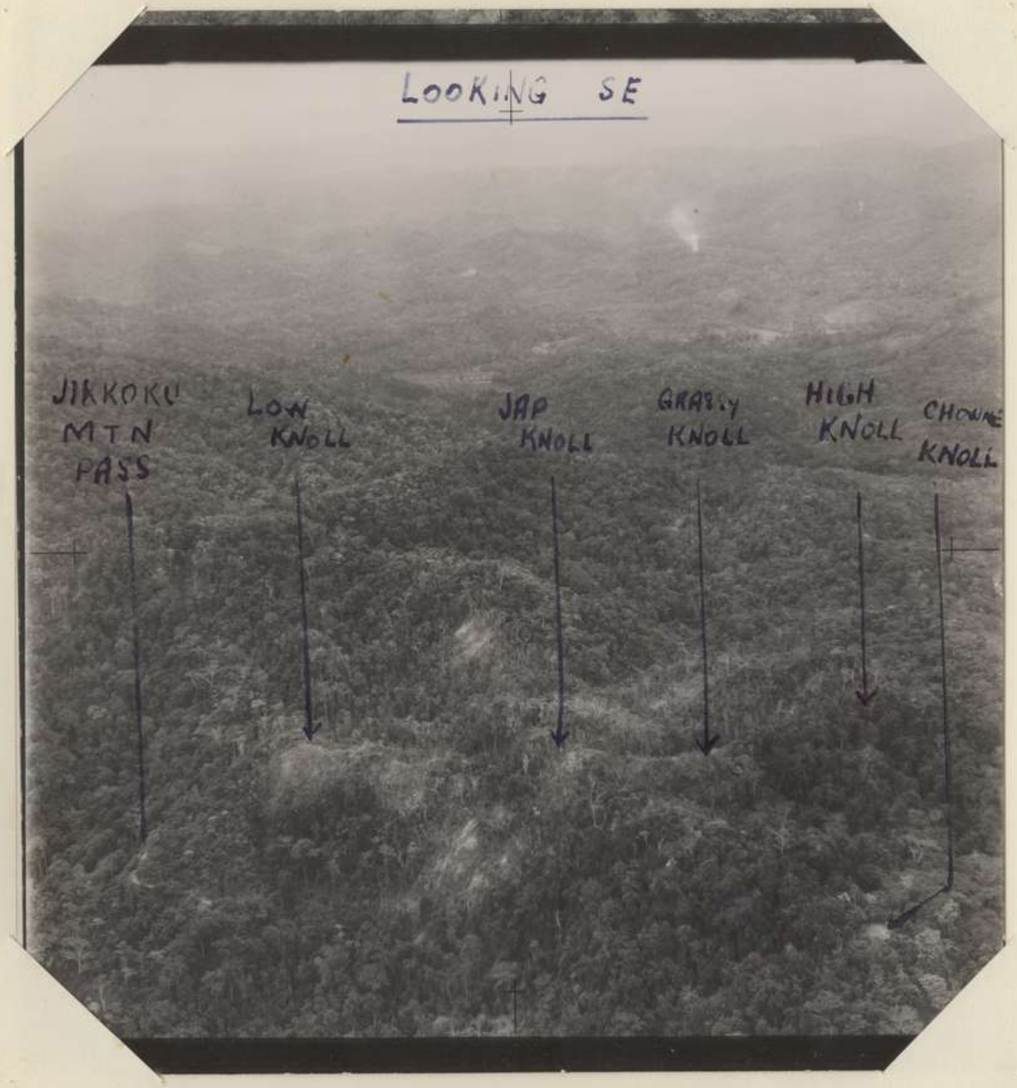

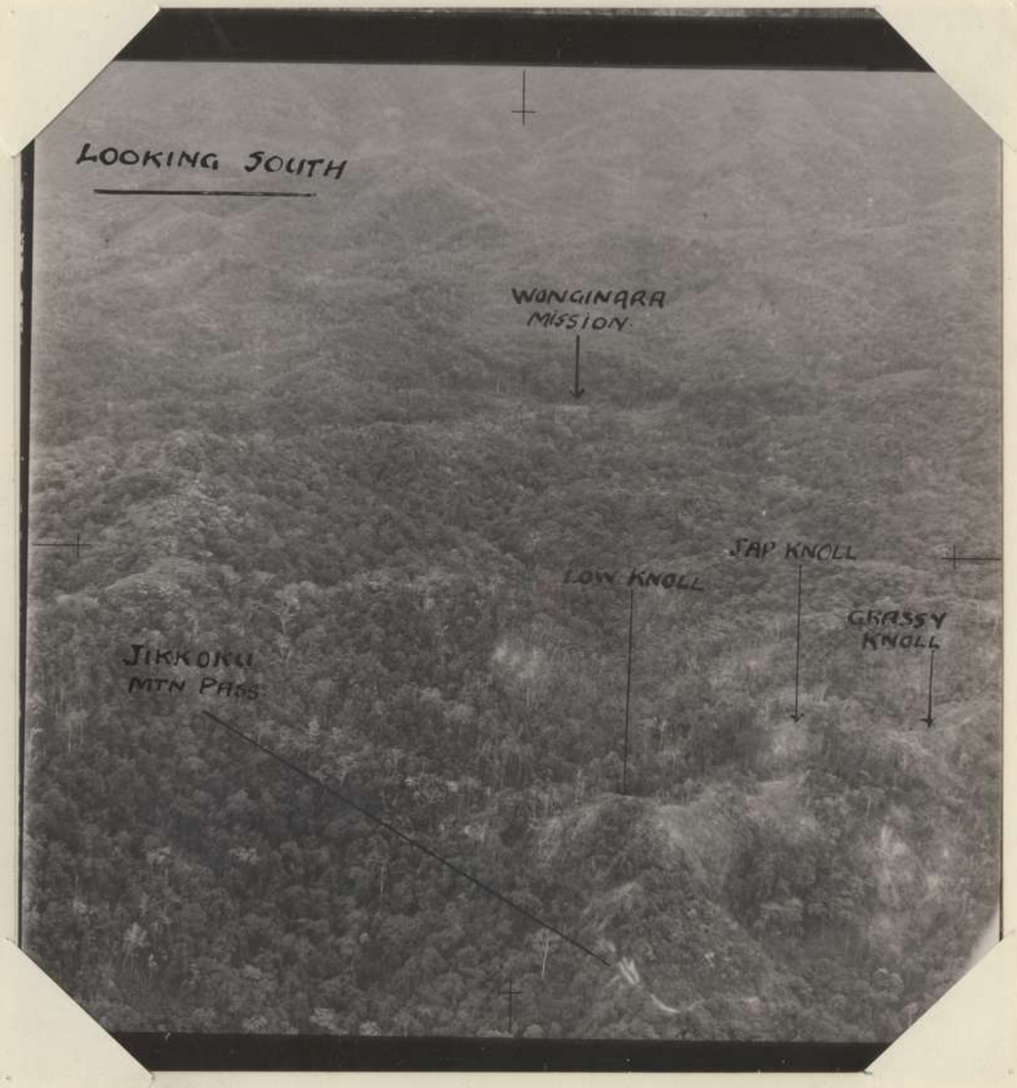

— JIKKOKU PASS —

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Appx 3

ARTY and MORTAR FIRE PROGRAMME 1 Apr.

Serial	Time	Unit.	
1	0830 till Airstrike	25 pdr	1rpm HE
2	2in Mortar B Coy.		HE at discretion B Coy Comd.
3	On completion Airstrike	3in Mortar	30rds rapid smoke.
4	On completion Serial 3	25 pdr	100rds gunfire.

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NIGHT 1/2 Apr

HF MORTAR TASK

Night 2/3 Apr 45

Appx 4

SERIAL	TIME	RANGE	LINE	ROUNDS	RATE
1	2130	1200x	ZL 2°	~~45~~ 50	4 RPM
2	2145	1400x	ZL 3°	12	3 "
3	2158	1500x	ZL 1°	21	5 "
4	2210	1600x	ZL 4°	15	4 "
5	2225	1400x	ZL 5°	18	5 "
6	2238	1700x	ZL 5°30'	22	Rapid
7	2245	1700x	ZL 4°	22	5 RPM
8	2301	1500x	ZL 2°	24	Rapid
9	2311	1700x	ZL 1°	18	5 RPM
10	2315	1300x	ZL 2°	16	5 "
11	2350	1600x	ZL 3°	12	5 "
12	2355	1400x	ZL 5°30'	6	5 "
13	0012	1600x	ZL 2°	12	5 "
14	0018	1500x	ZL 30'	18	1 "
15	0045	1500x	ZL 5°	6	5 "
16	0148	1300x	ZL 30'	7	2 "
17	0155	1700x	ZL 3°	21	5 "
18	0225	1300x	ZL 3°	12	5 "
19	0230	1600x	ZL 30'	9	2 "
20	0235	1600x	ZL 5°	15	5 "
21	0240	1600x	ZL 1°	9	5 "
22	0255	1500x	ZL 4°	3	5 "
23	0259	1300x	ZL 4°	20	5 "
24	0325	1500x	ZL 3°	33	Rapid
25	0340	1300x	ZL 1°	20	5 RPM
26	0345	1400x	ZL 1°	15	3 "
27	0350	1700x	ZL 5°	22	4 "
28	0355	1375x	ZL 1°	8	1 "
29	0400	1400x	ZL 4°	15	1 "
30	0440	1600x	ZL 5° 30'	18	3 "
31	0450	1400x	ZL 2°	9	Rapid
32	0503	1500x	ZL 5° 30'	6	1 RPM
33	0520	1700x	ZL 2°	21	1 "
34	0540	1400x	ZL 30'	12	1 "
35	0547	1200x	ZL 1°	10	Rapid
36	0610	1375x	ZL 30'	3	1 RPM

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Appx 6

REPORT PATROL 31 Mar 45 - 3 Apr 45 by VX16944 Lt D R CLARKE - OC PATROL

Ref Map : BUT EAST 1"

TASK

(a) Kill JAPS whilst in movt along tracks and in camps and native villages in area.
(b) To declare the area clear.
(c) Find out if Japs are using tracks in the area as an L of C to KARAWOP PTN or BOGIN HARBOUR.
(d) If such L of C exists what type and density of traffic.
(e) Submit track report, submit generalised report on terrain.
(f) Report any Japanese defensive positions and if of recent construction.
(g) Collect enemy documents, maps etc.

Answers

(a) 5 Japs killed in native villages . 11 Japs found dead on tracks.
(b) Area is clear of enemy from Coast to WALANDUUM - enemy concentrations that area.
(c) Japs are using L of C. BOKIN - WALANDUUM - WONGINARA MISSION.
(d) Traffic on L of C unobserved - reported heavy.
(e) Numerous tracks in area - all clearly defined - generally not used for period of one week.
(f) Sereral Jap defensive posns in area - no signs of recent occupation of same.
(g) Documents captured and brought back by patrol.

Details

Strength 1 Offr 29 ORs
Time Out 311100K
Time In 031230K

Route out and in

Down coast rd to Ck 995243 thence SE along ck to huts at 985228 - thence SSE up spur to hill crest at 987215 - EAST along ridge to saddle at 998216 - SW down ck to 992206 thence to AUTI Village 995208 SE along ridge to 005200 thence NE to spur 010202 thence to 1400 feature at 015208 - NE to ck bed 026219 up spur to 020223 NE to ck bed 028230 EAST to track 037227 - NW along track to track junc at 027236 thence along OLD GERMAN RD to track junc012239 thence EAST along beach road to KOFI village 048238/ - returned DAGUA via coast rd.
(See trace attached).

Report

(a) In all cases where contacted Japs were killed - 2 (suggested sentries) at AUTI village 995208 - three killed at KOFI VILLAGE 048238 - in addition 11 Japs found dead - 1 in Jap camp area at 10 along Coast Rd between KOFI and DAGUA - 5 of these Japs had been killed (reported by native police boys) remainder apparently died of illness.

(b) On arrival of patrol at AUTI VILLAGE area native recce reported that village of AUTI was occupied by enemy - strength unknown - this location was in close proximity to reported concentration of enemy tps at river and ck junc at 991191 - as dusk was fast approaching decided to attack immediately - attack was successful 2 Japs killed.- Whilst clearing village patrol was fired on. No casualties sustained. Patrol moved to 999209 and consolidated for night 31 Mar/1 Apr. Dawn recce of village revealed approx 20 large native huts all in excellent condition - this village could have, or been intended to be used as
(a)Staging barracks for large bodies of tps or
(b)Large HQ site.

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Appx 5

SP FIRE PROGRAMME 2 Apr

Serial	Time	Unit	Role	Target
1	H-75 to H-60	3 deks 3in MORTAR	Rapid	JAP KNOLL
2	1000 - 1030	Arty Bty.	Gunfire	JAP KNOLL
3	H-3 to H	one sec MMG		JAP KNOLL
4	H to H+30	Arty Bty	Gunfire	964215
5	H to H+15	three deks 3in Mortar		964215
6	DF	One Tp Arty		HIGH KNOLL.

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No other enemy tps were in the vicinity of the village and patrol then moved to WALANDUUM AUTOGI area. Extensive native recce of this area was made and reported as follows.

(a) AUTOGI

Situated on MABAM RIVER (location as shown on 4M 1" map correct) in all 3 villages occupied by enemy Many police boys, native woman and children in these villages - natives in area supplying Japs with food. Natives are armed and many are being used as sentries. Exact enemy strength unknown.

(b) WALANDUUM

At track junc at 012201 - 2 Jap sentries observed covering party of 10 japs digging defensive posns on approach to village - these troops were in possession off HMGs and could not be attacked without sustaining casualties. Native/ guide stated he had assisted in carrying 6 HMGs from BOIKEN to WALANDUUM previous week - also stated Japs were preparing defensive posns along track BOIKEN-WONINGARRA MISSION via WALANDUUM.
Native guides with patrol recently recovered from enemy by ANGAU stated main enemy L of C was from BOIKEN inland to MABAM RIVER now passed through KUMUDU - AMAGAP - WALANDUUM - AUTOGI.

It is considered that a strong enemy force is in this general area.

(c) Owing to extremely difficult terrain evacuationof casualties would have been impossible consequently enemy tps in WALUNDUUM area were not engaged by patrol.

(d) The track running between AUTOGI and WALANDUUM was cut - patrol occupying a posn on same for 4 hours - this track is overgrown and showed no signs of enemy movement - enemy apparently using L of C via MABAM RIVER.

(e) Area bisected by many native pads all clearly defined but in most cases overgrown.

(f) Several Japanese camp areas were investigated - these areas showed no sign of recent occupation. In majority ofcases the huts were in dilapidated condition and would not provide suitable shelter (location of camps on trace attached).

General

It was decided to investigate the OLD GERMAN RD and Coastal Rd prior toreturning to camp.

(a) GERMAN RD

6 ft wide overgrown with Kunai would not be jeepable until extensive repairs effected.

(b) COASTAL RD

In very good condition and jeepable to KOFI with some work 6x6 vehicle could travel along this road. Hard sandy surface slightly overgrown. Many huts containing dead Japs along this road. Several abandoned vehicles and some unserviceable equipment was found.

Three Japs were located having food at KOFI all killed. Japs were in excellent condition carrying abundant rations of rice and meal and new clothing, also much medical equipment. Further evidence of cannabalism by Jap having large portion of human flesh in haversack.

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An ideal site for an OP is situated at 034232 . This site gives clear view of BANAK - KOFI - KARAWOP PTN and CAPE KARAWOP.

Natives reported that Japs had two HMGs at KABWUSUM MISSION at 051228 . This Mission is easily identified by a large white cross on the largest building. A good view of coastal area could be obtained from this Mission. G

General area of KARAWOP was observed with field glasses from 034232 for 30minutes but no enemy movement could be seen.

All palm trees at KARAWOP PTN appeared devoid of foliage and features at the CAPE appeared to have no timber on WESTERN Slopes.

The return route as shown on trace attached provides a ready approach to WALANDUUM. The main obstacle being feature running up from Coast, the grade of this feature is 1 in 3 and would take approximately 2½ hrs to climb. On reaching top the track to WALANDUUM provides reasonably easy walking.

The general terrain of the area is a series of razor-backs which makes battle deployment extremely difficult.

One INDIAN PW in extremely bad state of health was recovered from NAGOOMATI VILLAGE and brought back by patrol.

D R Clarke Lt
(D R CLARKE)

4 Apr 45

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BOKA 3B PATROL ROUTE 31MAR – 3APR

Map x 6

Ref Map BUT EAST 1:63360

GN

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DAGUA

Hard sandy surface
Slightly overgrown

consolidated night 2-3 Apr
1 US MT.

Coast Rd suitable by MT East to KOFI
minimum work - hard sandy surface

BANAK
Clearing only
No huts

KOFI
030930K
Killed 3 enemy

2 US MT. OIL drums filled

very steep descent
track 10' wide

sited on spur
Excellent OP of Coast

O.P. on fwd slope
view coast BANAK
to KARAWOP

KABWUSUM
MISS.

Old camp site - fwd track

Gradual descent to Ck Track good

Clearing on knoll. Old camp - many tracks & pads to it.

Sac Sac Swamp. track muddy

Native pad only. Going difficult
numerous razor backs and cks

1400+

Stopped night 1-2 Apr
At dawn enemy heard
moving along parrallel
track SW to WALANDUM

WALANDUM

1 MAR 1200 - 1600K
Patrol waited on spur while
native guides recced AUTOGI
and WALANDUUM. Guides
returned reported both
vill occupied by large Jap
forces with HMGs. Many natives
with them, some armed

AUTOGI

Abt 20 large huts. good
condition. much used. water &
food - sago cocoa palms
2 Japs killed 31 1800K

Track crosses
3 spurs. Several
streams - swamps
Going difficult

Old huts on creek bank
Sac Sac Swamp

Consolidated
for night
31-1 Apr

AUTI

Native garden on knoll
Well cultivated - Cut Sac Sac

Excellent track
along ridge

Going difficult
Native pad only

OP Good View
DAGUA & coast

Old Jap huts NOT
recently used

very steep 1 in 3
track well defined
Going difficult

7 INDIAN PW
found 030900K

NAGOOMATI

old GERMAN Rd 6'W
overgrown kunai
Ex Jap Camp area
Capacity 2 Coy's All
huts damaged

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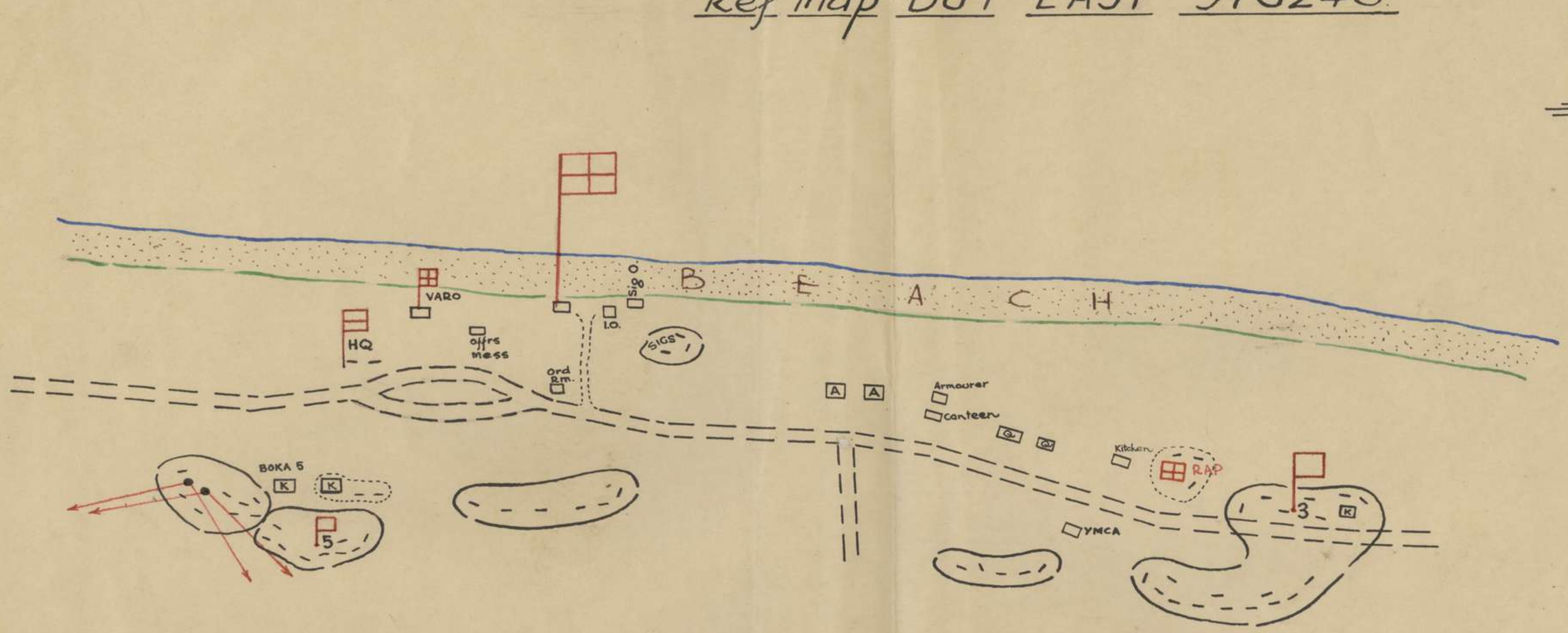
Appx 7

BOKA HQ DISPOSITIONS AT 7 APR 45

Ref Map BUT EAST 976248



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BOKA 1 DISPOSITIONS 7 APR 45

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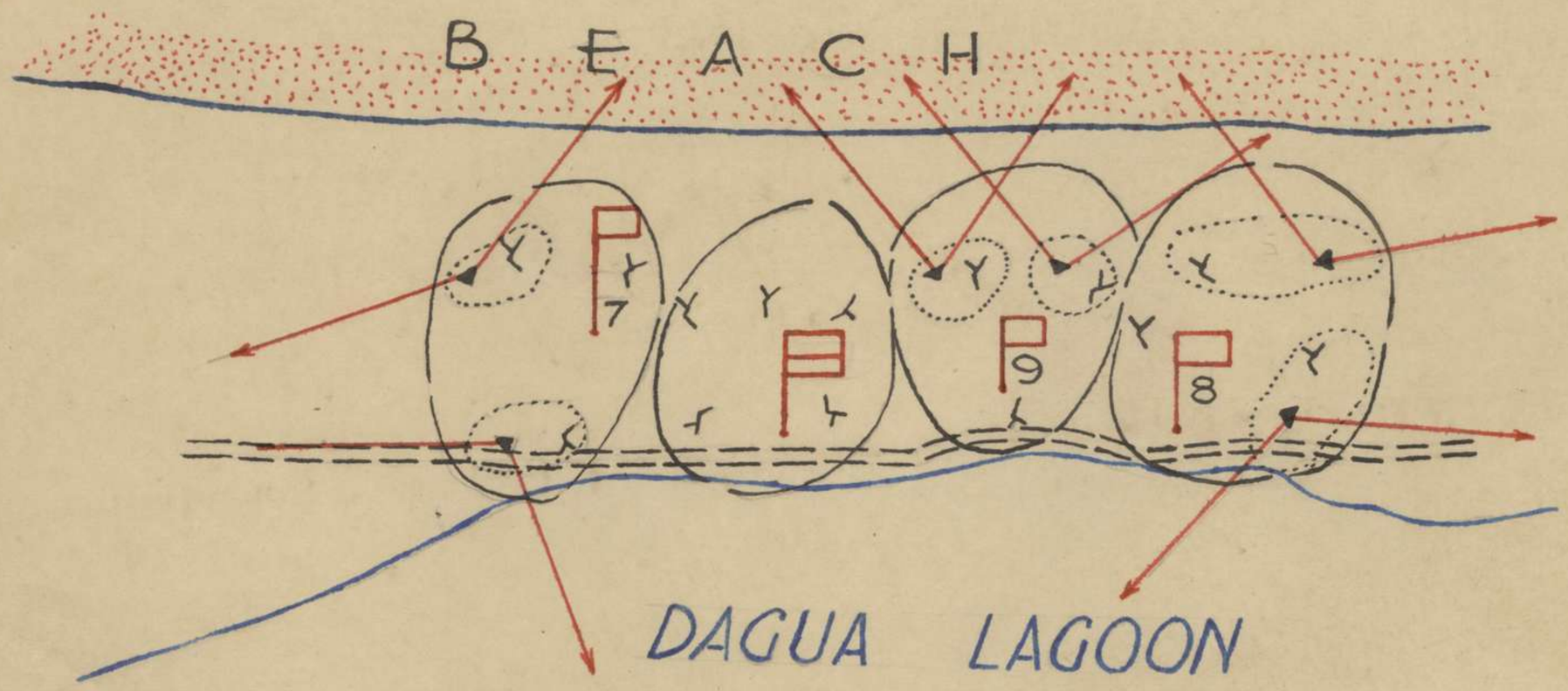

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BOKA 2 DISPOSITIONS AT 7 APR 45.

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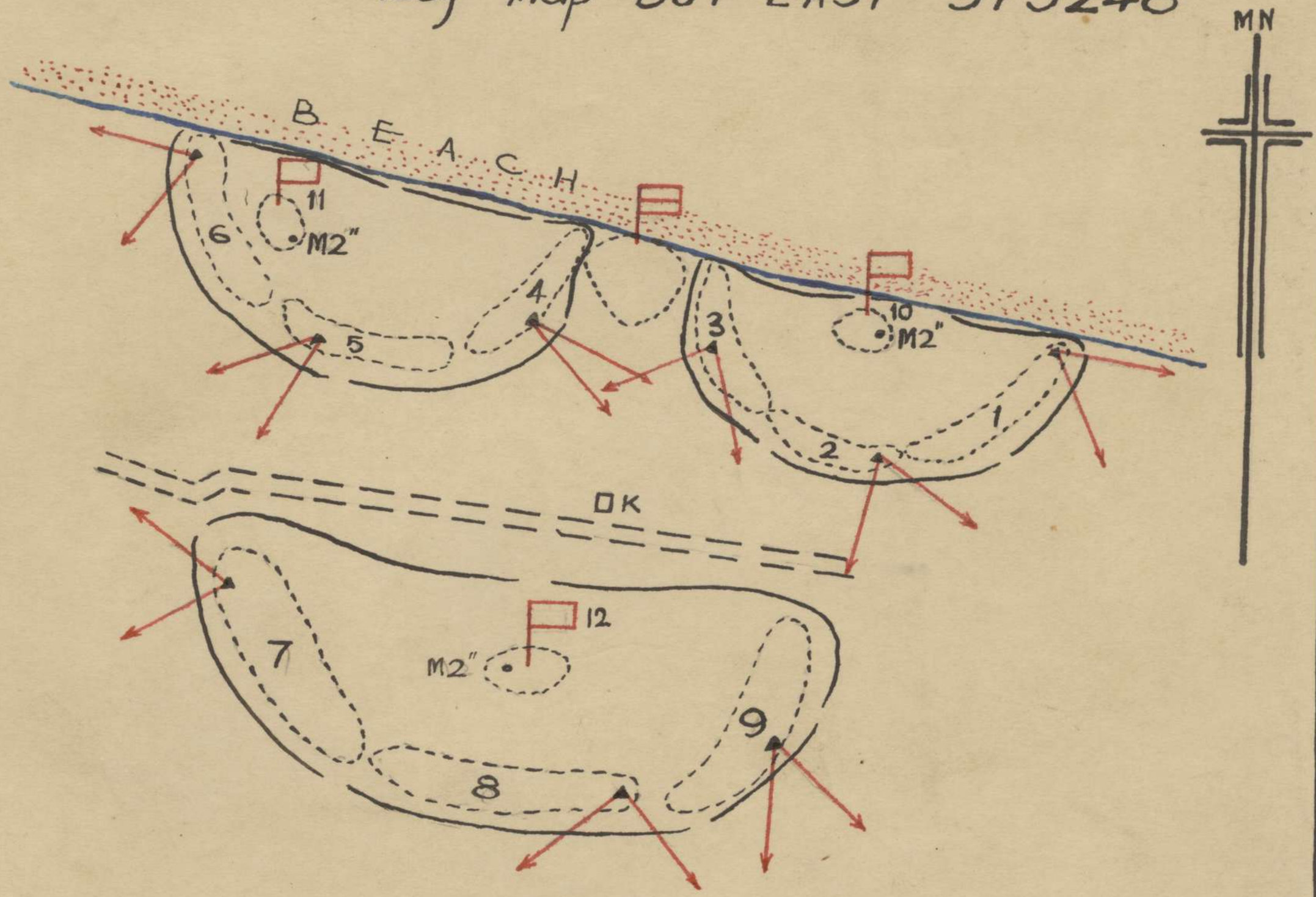

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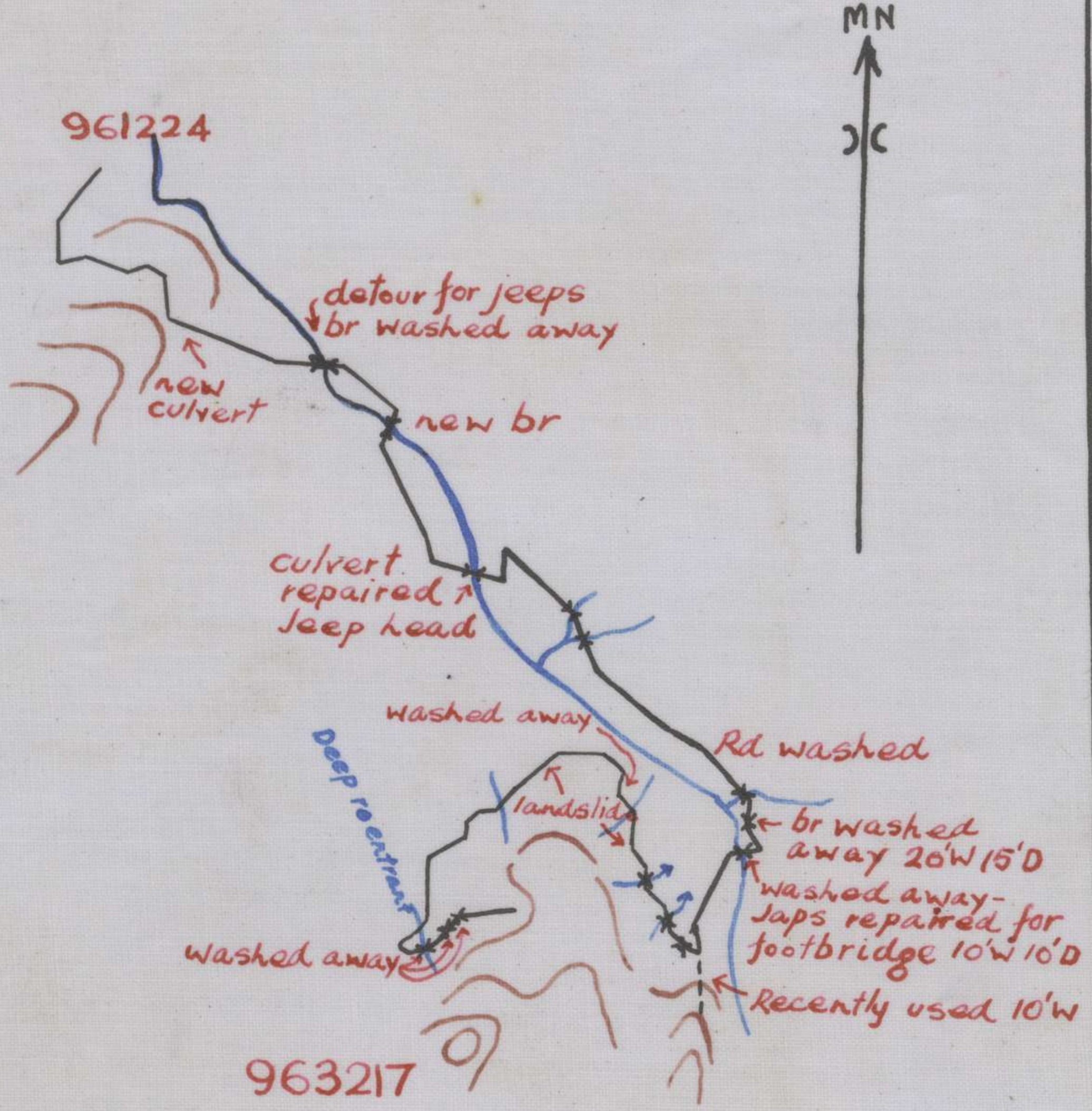
RD REPORT & TRAVERSE JIKKOKU MTN PASS



From 963217 to Jap footbridge banks of rd 15'-25'H. From footbridge to jeep head 8'-15'H - From 963217 approx 300ˣ to saddle

SCALE 1 in to 440 yds.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / Apr / 1945 . Headquarters (Unit)

W.E. 1 / Nil / ? . OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 27 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		-	Majors					
	2		7	Captains	AAMC	1			
		1	21	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	5	1	29			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		30									30
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX16944	Lt	Clarke V.K.	—	5 Apr 45	Evac S/L M.D.S.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ... / ... /194....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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R/L Aust Inf Regt ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / Apr / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	VX44906	Cameron	A.G.	C.O.	Yes		
Capt	QX3704	Gilmore	H.C.S.	Capt Comd	Yes		
	VX100099	Lovett	K.H.	ao	Yes		
	NX12177	Derbyshire	M.	ao	Yes		
Lt + Capt	VX 14385	Stevenson	C.M.	Coy 2/c	Yes.		
	VX100097	Oliver	A.H.	Capt Comd	Yes		
	NX24868	McCammon	H.G.	Adjt	Yes		
	NX60541	Hodge	C.H.	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	NX24998	Somerville	R.C.		Yes		
	NX12550	Coyle	G.	Coy 2/c	Yes.		
	VX117105	Kelly	H.H.	ao	Yes		
	NX70940	Hall	L.J.	O.M.(A)	Yes.		
	NX8749	Thomas	R.R.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	NX24984	Goldsmith	D.V.	ao	Yes		
	NX8947	Park	C.H.	ao	Yes		
	NX13817	Morris	J.W.	ao	Yes		
	NX68765	Cameron	G.H.	ao	Yes		
	NX45400	Sherriff	F.R.		No	Det to Aust Inf Base	Reported
	NX10519	Jarmin	I.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	NX36794	Grey	R.L.	ao	Yes		
	QX22661	Ferguson	K	do	Yes		
	WX5859	Murdoch	D.K.	ao	Yes		
	VX22598	Bennie	P.C.	ao	Yes.		
	NX79975	Gaules	I.	T.O.	Yes		
	NX108076	Pain	J.C.	Pl Comd	Yes.		
	NX19619	Cameron	K.R.	ao	Yes		
	NX101667	Richardson	W.H.	T.O	Yes.		
	NX11848?	Smith	W.B.		Yes.		
	NX8479?	Pennycook	A.N.O.	Asst Adjt	Yes		
Capt	VX60829	McGannan	H.H.	Lt.O.	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX16?315	Cameron D.A.	R/L AD.V.	1 Sept 44	Dental Offr.
Chaplain	QX22080	Alcorn J.W.	ATTCHD	20 Aug 44	
Mr	53/304	Jones G.L.	Infantry	20 Sept 44	Pharmaceutical

7 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Comd R/Aust Inf Regt

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/Apr/1945. H'quarters Div (Unit)

W.E. 11/12C/7. OFFRS. 22 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 22 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
	2		4	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants 0					
	3		29	Sergeants 9	2 1 1 4	8		1	N/R
	10		57	Corporals 8	1 1 1 5	8			
	161		497	Troopers, Privates, etc. 14	1 14	15	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	176	1	594 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		32 *	1	1	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces. 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	Dal Army		
4	2/1 A.D.S.		
4	2/1 5 L.A.D.		
2	16 Aust Inf Bde Hq Coy		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	DRO		
1	16 Aust Inf Bde		
1	2 I.D. Tactical School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday ...../...../194... .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

...../...../45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

L.H.Q. Press—516—10/43—416m.

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APPENDIX "A"
DATE 7 Apr 45

UNIT: 2/2 AUST INF BN

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required x
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	22	18	4		NR
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	7		1	
"	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Rangetaker	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
R S M	WO1	1	2		1	
C S M	WO11	5	3	2		NR
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S sjt	5	5			
Fl Sjts	Sjt	25	22	3		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Dvrs MT	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	29	7		NR
" "	Pte	361	197	164		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1	
" "	Pte	20	29		9	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	6		1	
" "	Pte	68	66	2		NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	28	27	1		NR
Regt Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" " "	Pte	15	17		2	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total		769	594	191	16	

NOTE:- TG II Mech MT 1
Stonemason 1
TGIII Stevedore 1
Dvr Mech 18
Gunlayer 1
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NOT provided for in WE : shown in LMG, MMG, Mortars and Pioneers

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendation as to suitable posting
NX1259	WOI	CYE H C	38	A1	RSM		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET 17/pt 12

2/2 AUST INF BN O O No 1

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

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Ref Map BUT EAST 1 inch to 1 mile.

INFM

1. Enemy

Reported to be occupying WALANDUUM and AUTOGI est str 40. Using hostile natives, probably SEPIKS, as sentries. SEPIKS are natural warriors and may be expected to act aggressively.

2. Own Tps

(a) Naval

HMAS SWAN is shelling targets at BOIKEN, WISLING, KARAWOP and KARAWOP Ptn commencing 080800K.

(b) Air

Air strikes have been called for as follows:-

(i) Nights 7/8 Apr 45 and 8/9 Apr 45 barges plying between MUSCHU IS and BOIKEN.
(ii) 8 Apr 45 unnamed villages SOUTH of HAMSUK.

(c) Flanking Tps

Patrols will be operating daily NOT EAST of 020 easting grid nor SOUTH of 210 northing grid.

3. Composition of Force

Comd - Capt A H OLIVER
Tps
C Coy
Ptes WARTON & OLLIFFE (Bn Int Sec)
4 Pl
4 Stretcher bearers
1 Sec Pnrs
2 ANGAU police boys
2 local natives
In sp FOO with 52 Bty on call.

INTENTION

4. C Coy and att tps will clear in succession KWANGEN VILLAGE 036207, AMAGAP, WALANDUUM, AUTOGI, VILLAGE 012193, VILLAGE 039196, OLD KUMUDU, KUMUDU and KOFI.

METHOD

5. Route

(a) Out

DAGUA, EAST along COAST Rd to ck at 030239, thence SE to 033233. Follow main track through villages SE to AUTOGI.

(b) In

AUTOGI to 012193 thence EAST to 039196, NE to OLD KUMUDU shortest route to KUMUDI NORTH to KOFI thence WEST to DAGUA.

6. S.P. Patrol base at WO33233.

7. S.T. 080930K

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8. Duration

To be completed by 121800K.

9. Pnrs

1 Sec will

(a) remain at patrol base;

(b) construct jeep track from COAST to patrol base;

(c) Clear obstacles and improve crossings on COAST RD.

10. Security

(a) A patrol base will be est at 033233 and will be protected by at least 20 men incl pnrs under command an Officer or senior NCO.

(b) OLIVER force will be responsible for security of track from coast to patrol base.

(c) Bn is ensuring security of COAST Rd EAST to KOFI by daily patrolling.

(d) A picquet, str at discretion of Capt OLIVER, will be placed on captured enemy W/T transmitting stn and will prevent ALL pers from entering area unless authorised by 16 Aust Inf Bde.

(e) At discretion of Capt OLIVER patrols may return as frequently as desired to patrol base.

ADM

11. Rations

(a) 4 days hard rations will be delivered at patrol base by 080930K under arrangement Bn.

(b) SWPA rations will be delivered to patrol base as requested by Capt OLIVER. 2 days notice of requisition required by QM.

12. Amn

Coy reserve amn will be maintained at patrol base.

13. Equipment

Packs and all non-essential equipment will be left at patrol base.

14. Med

(a) RMO will visit patrol Base daily.

(b) One Jeep Amb will remain at call at DAGUA Airfield.

(c) Bn stretcher bearers allotted will accompany patrol.

(d) Adequate stocks of mosquito repellant will accompany patrol and 2 atebrin tablets daily will be taken for duration of patrol.

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INTERCOMN

15. (a) HQ

Rear Coy HQ will be established at patrol base.

(b) Sig Plan

(i) Line will be laid and built to patrol base.

(ii) One 108 set will accompany patrol. One 108 set with long aerial will maintain 24 hr watch as intercept at patrol base.

(c) Codes

(i) R/T code will be used.

(ii) Passwords up to 12 Apr 45 will be issued to Capt OLIVER by IO before 080930K.

(d) Synchronisation

Sig Offr will synchronise time by L/T at 080900K.

H McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Issued by runner

Signed at 071800K

DISTRIBUTION:- Copy No

Capt A H OLIVER	1
HQ Coy	2
IO	3
Sig Offr	4
RMO	5
Maj STRONG	6
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Lt BEENIE and 4 dets BOKA 5C

TIME OUT	080830K
TIME IN	081645K
Route Out	COAST Rd to KOFI
Route In	COAST Rd
TYPE	Security
TASK	Clear rd of enemy and ensure security of L of C to BOKA 3 patrol base at 033233

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Lt THOMAS and 1 Pl

TIME OUT	080830K
TIME IN	081815K
Route Out	COAST Rd to DAGUA, thence SOUTH along WEST bank of Ck to ck junc 990233. SOUTH up spur to crest at 990217 EAST to 998217 SOUTH to MAGUA (AUTI) 995208.
Route In	NORTH EAST along track to coast at 013239 WEST along COAST Rd to coy area.
Type	Fighting
Task	Destroy enemy encountered enroute.
Special Instns	- Travel as lightly equipped as possible.

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HQ

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9 Apr. Approx 15

Sgt Heyman 1 Sec BOKA 2 C.

Type Recce.

Tasks.

1. To investigate hut located by Lt Thomas patrol approx 023221
2. Recce huts at 017237

Route. As laid down: except that on the 3rd June marked direct German rd at 005239.

Lessons.

1. Could not locate hut 02322/
2. 5 large and 3 small huts at 017237. 5 in good repair, 1 showed signs recent occupation approx 2 days.

Report.

Patrol moved to 019239 but was unable to locate track leading SOUTH from 019239. moved back to approx position of track and found cross country striking the EAST WEST track at approx 015236. Country very steep with cliffs.

Moved to 017237, 5 large huts 3 small one showed recent occupation by green pan pans. Namely made white flag attached to a stick we found floor. Area consists of open kunai.

Moved back and SOUTH up track which is not the reference nor poor condition. Three track clearly defined, not recently used, could not find sign of previous patrol.

The track to 010220 is fairly open with large patches of kunai with occasional coconuts loaded with fruit and pawpaw with green fruit

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Gs 0/0 220 (approx) is a large native village
Large huts in good repair. Numerous
coconuts with fruit on them and paw paw
about the village.

Some coconuts had been opened
approx 4 days ago.

There were signs of movement along the track
to the WEST.

A track runs from track junc shown on
map in WESTERLY direction converging in towards
the creek. but the track NORTH could NOT
be located

J.W. Freeman.

Wa/Decay

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: COMBINATION - BAYONET & MACHETE

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 291/30/45

16 Aust Inf Bde

Reference 16 Aust Inf Bde G 1275 of 28 Mar 45.

2. It is considered that the above equipment is an immediate requirement for the following reasons:-

(a) (i) As a machete it is far better than the machete now on issue in quality of material, workmanship and balance.

(ii) The new type retains its cutting edge for longer periods without re sharpening and is invaluable for use by infantry.

(iii) Weight which is an ever present problem in jungle fighting is reduced in that the new machete is much lighter than the combined weight of present bayonet and machete.

(b) Used as a bayonet it is quite effective, the reduction in length would not reduce its effect. The number of opportunities in which bayonetsare used other than for morale effect is very small. In any case the combined bayonet machete would be effective.

3. It is recommended that the scale of issue be:-

(a) Immediate - 180 i.e. replace existing machete.

(b) As available - Replace completely No 1 Mk 1 Bayonet.

4. Herewith returned six combination machete-bayonets.

A Cameron

Lt-col
(A G CAMERON)
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

9 Apr 45

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PATROL REPORT

PART I

Comd — Capt OLIVER

Sbr. — C Coy FOO and party 3 Int, 2 Police boys 3 native guides (Sheldon bearers.)

Time Out — 081330 K Apr

Time In

Route Out — KWANGEN AMAGAP AUTOGI

Route In — From AUTOGI III along Kiap rd NORTH to Coast

Type — Fighting and reece.

Tasks — Clear KWANGEN AMAGAP WALANDUUM, AUTOGI village 012193, village 039196, OLD KUMUDU, KUMUDU, KOFI. village 036207.

Report, — Patrol cleared KWANGEN AMAGAP WALANDUUM AUTOGI I · II · III. Killing 5 Japs KWANGEN AREA, 3 AMAGAP and one AUTOGI II.
Patrol did NOT pass through village shewn 036207.
Patrol did NOT visit village 039196, OLD KUMUDU, KUMUDU and KOFI.

PART II

1. Patrol left base at 081330 K moving SE. Patrol did NOT follow Kiap rd as intended because native guide stated there was an MMG in posn Comd rd where it rises onto the high ground near KWANGEN.

2. Coy swung round up a reentrant EAST and SOUTH, passing unoccupied huts, in low lying swampy ground, until at 1630 at 045222, a number of huts were found at a ck junc, Two Japs were preparing the evening meal and two resting in the huts.

3. The police boy gave warning of the Japs, and 13 pl (Comd Sgt J PENNYCOOK) stole fwd

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to the edge of the clearing, and opening fire killed the four enemy. Documents and maps were recovered.

4 As the patrol was moving out of the village, the rear sec noticed a Jap with sago approaching, evidentally unaware of our ops despite the firing when the village was assaulted. The Jap was fired on and probably wounded, but escaped down the ck by which he approached.

5 With the intention of gaining the high ground at KWANGEN to bivouac the night, the Coy moved up the spur to the WEST, 14 Pl under Sgt C GLEESON leading.

6 An enemy sentry was encountered on a narrow step razorback 043220. The police boy, OGOMIOR, shot and stabbed this sentry who was unarmed and wore no boots.

7. Nearing the top of the spur voices could be heard above. Consequently the Coy withdrew to a more suitable posn down the spur (042220) to bivouac the night.

8 090630K The patrol moved along a native pad NW skirting the high ground, then crossing a saddle NNE of KWANGEN. This saddle joins the KWANGEN high feature to another NNE. No representation of this saddle and feature appear on the one inch map.

9 A ck ran along this saddle NNE-SSW and had been used that morning by one or two Japs.

10 On the WEST side of the saddle two huts were found down

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a reentrant, presumably sago factories.

11 The patrol then came onto the KIAP Rd and moved towards KWANGEN. A native guide was sent ahead to recce the posn, and was seized by a Jap sentry. The boy shook himself free and escaped. The Jap was reported to be unarmed and NOT wearing boots.

12 KWANGEN Mission was occupied unopposed 1130 hrs. One Juki with amn was found in good order but NOT mounted. The tripod and gun were in a hut. One of the native guides reported that he was one of a JAP carrying party that had brought the gun up to the mission from KOFI ten days previously.

13 1330 hrs, the patrol moved, clearing the village of KWANGEN en route. The village is disposed as shewn in the accompanying sketch. A fresh pad through the grass to the SE indicated that the enemy had fled from the village.

14 The KIAP Rd joining KWANGEN and AMAGAP did NOT appear to pass through a village shewn 036207, but this may have been bye-passed when the patrol moved up the ck between KWANGEN and AMAGAP as shewn on the accompanying sketch.

15 1515 hrs the Coy reached AMAGAP. The police boy reported Japs asleep in one of the huts. 15 Pl assailed, killing three Japs, one of whom, a 1st Lt, may have been a doctor. Documents and medical eqpt were found. The patrol bivouaced the night in the village.

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16. 100630K Appr patrol left AMAGAP and moved up onto the feature comd AMAGAP. Here was the village of WALANDOUUM, the correct posn of which is ~~039195~~ 039195, as per accompanying sketch, and NOT ~~on~~ as on the one in map.

17 On reaching the village at 0745 hrs two shots were fired. 14 pl cleared the village, but the enemy, probably only one Jap had fled down the ridge to SE.

18 From WALANDOUUM the patrol moved generally WEST along a Kanaka trk along the high ground. At 014199 two huts were found alongside a ck unoccupied, but evidencing the recent preparation of Sago. There was a large untended native garden on the trk a few hundred yds SW.

19. Patrol reached AUTOAI II 015201 at 1500 hrs. The village, which was unoccupied, had been subjected to shelling in a predicted shoot ~~from~~ off the one in map. All shells had fallen well to the EAST of the village.

20 AUTOAI consists of three villages:

1) AUTOAI I - the main village with separate KIAP Houses, and separate MISSION, the village being at 005195
2) AUTOAI II - on the Kiap Rd to AUTOAI I at 012193. This village is separated from AUTOAI I by a valley.
3) AUTOAI III - at 015201.

A. Kiap rd joins AUTOAI III + II. as per Sketch.

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21 1108301K Apr the patrol moved out q AUTOMI III leaving Sgt PENNY COOK and 13 pl to guard the camp. The Arty 22 Set (W/T) was also left behind as it had broken down. Patrol left packs and shelter halves at AUTOMI III. Throughout the five days, except for this day, everyone carried pack with shelter half, five days rations, mosquito net and ammn.

22. AUTOMI II was approached along a native tk - a short cut from AUTOMI III across a reentrant. The KIAP Rd follows the high ground to the EAST and SOUTH.

23 The tk entered the lower village, consisting of three huts under the lee of the hill. These were unoccupied, but on a bench some recently eaten paw paw were lying. A tk lead led to the right down to water, and to the left for about 75 yds up a rise of about 30ft to the plateau on which the main village of 14 huts was situated. Jap footprints were made this morning on this tk.

24 0915 the village was reached, 14 pl under Sgt C GLEESON, proceeded to clear the village. On clearing the CREST one sec went to the right to clear the huts to the SOUTH, and one sec to the left, when one Jap fired, and mortally wounded Pte BOOLEY AJ. Pte JURY R J was wounded ROD, the bullet being turned aside by his disks identity, sparing him from a chest wound. The Jap fled up the KIAP Rd, pursued by the pl comd, Sgt GLEESON and the pl sgt Sgt O'MERA G, and broke through the undergrowth to the left of the tk throwing away his rifle. It was later found to have a dud round in the chamber, and a dud lying beside it. The Jap was found dead, a well built man. All the huts on the upper village were destroyed by fire before the patrol left.

25 Arty fire was brought down on AUTOMI I, the fire orders being sent over the Inf 108 Set. The shoot was excellent

26 AUTOMI I was cleared at 1615 hrs. There were signs of recent Jap occupation. The Kanaka village was destroyed by fire

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before the patrol left.

27 The Coy bivouaced the night at AUTORI III returning to the Coast along the KIAP Rd to the NORTH the following day.

28 En route huts were found about a mile from C Coy patrol base, yeilding documents and maps including a sketch showing the W/T Set up at Cape BORAM.

29. Patrol returned 12 1330 K.

30 Police boys OKOMIOR and ANNIS, who had served in the WAU-SALAMAUA campaign, and the native guides rendered invaluable service.

31 Sketch & Topographical info attached.

32 Time factor did NOT allow patrol to visit village 039196, OLD KUMUDU, KUMUDU and KOFI. This was done by patrol 17-18 Apr.

Lieut Mellish Int Sec.

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OLIVER PATROL

8-12 Apr 45

Ref Map BUT EAST 1:63360

GIN

029232

entrance to village up a steep spur

038222 SP

kunai

High Ground

KWANGEN

kunai

Timbered valley

Timbered

High Ground

going ground

Heavily Ground

High

along high feature

Heavily

High Ground

along high feature

entry to village-level track

5 huts AMAGAP W035204

op. foxhole

20 huts WALANDUUM

Garden

① approaches to village up rise
② up spur
③ level ground

AUTOGI 3

up spur

up spur

Kiap rd reported by natives

AUTOGI 2 14 huts W012193

along level ground

up spur

2 huts AUTOGI 1

up spur

7 huts

LEGEND

Government tracks - - - - -

Native footpads .....

Reported routes .....

SCALE 4 ins to 1 ml.

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PATROL REPORT

Map Ref	Sector	Date
BUT EAST (A)	ORDERS I. Task: Recce patrol to KARAWOP-WISLING area. To give protection R.A.E. Recce group and Int representative II. Str of Patrol: 1 Officer 20 O.R's III. Time OUT: 0830 IV. Time IN: 1530 hrs. V. Route out and In. Along coast rd to KARAWOP. Return ~~same route~~ via SADDLE 082237 along ~~south side~~ PTN to Ck, thence same route as route out.	13/4/45.

(B) REPORT Track in good condition the whole way. Suitable for any vehicle. Rd between KARAWOP and ck 095233, built up, drained either side. Sand bars along coast no obstricle. Ck at 089236 needs to be bridged. Details Width 30'. Banks 12', depth of water 3"-6". Unmatted ck junc at 091234 running SOUTH.
REMARKS. The map is lacking in detail of the KARAWOP area in general. Many KUNAI clearings NOT shown on map. Also rd and features in KARAWOP PTN inaccurate.
KARAWOP BAY. A good barge landing pt exists at 093235 and for 300' either side. Only a very slight swell exists, due no doubt to protection given BAY by reef running from PARIS ISLAND WEST.
Not a great deal of work required to make suitable road to beach for moving of supplies.
On return route enemy ineffectively motared PTN, 6 am, no Cas.

ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTION CERTIFICATE

I Hereby certify that all malarial precautions as laid down by Unit have been observed with the exception of:

Date:

Signature.

Pl Comd.

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PATROL LOG

SP ~~Bearing~~ REF MAP	Bearing	Times	Est Distance	Terrain & Topographical	REMARKS

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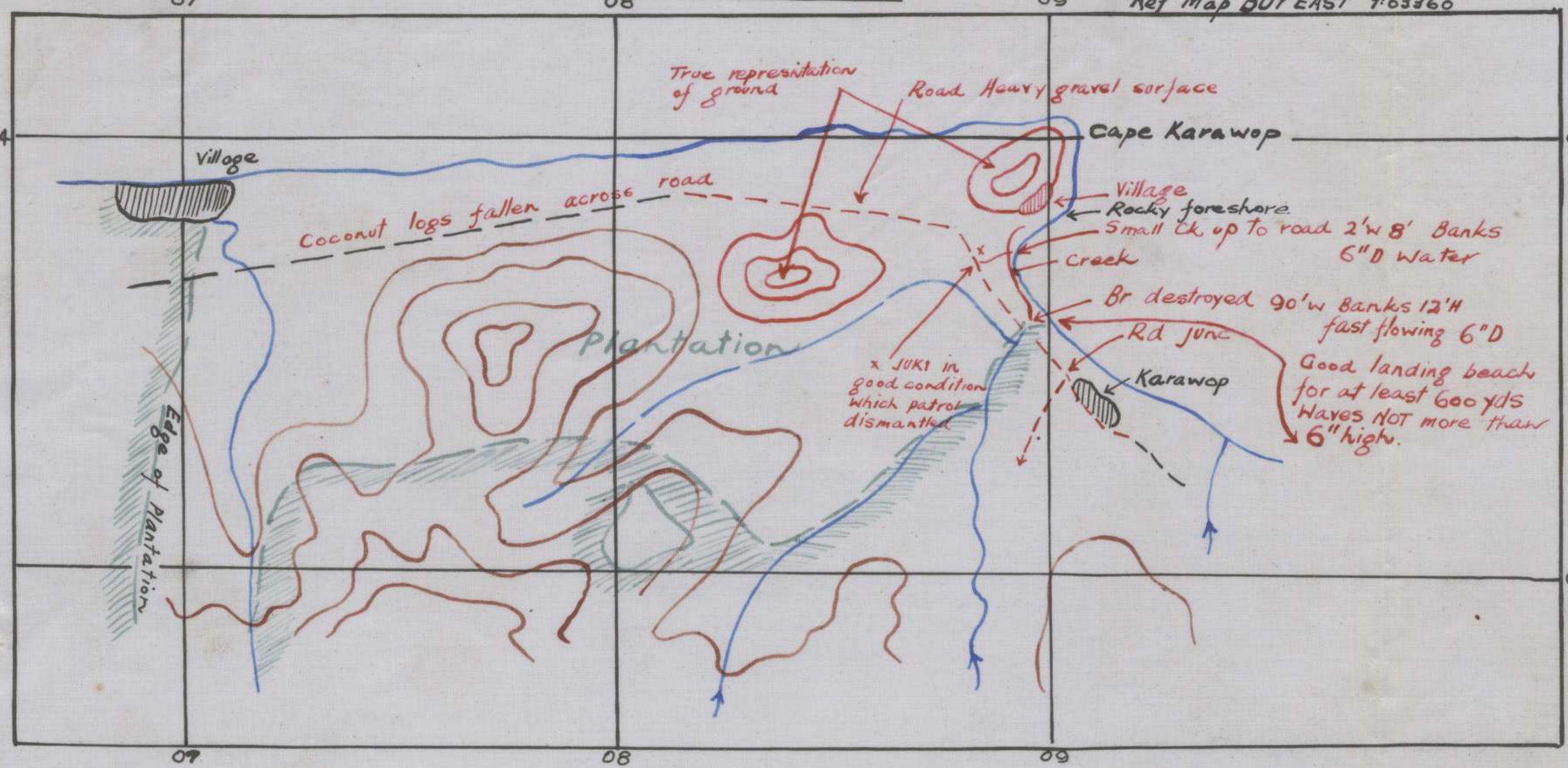
Enlargement CAPE KARAWOP : Patrol Infm and Alteration in Red.

13 Apr 45

Ref Map BUT EAST 1:63360



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / Apr / 1945. H'quarters Sub Area (Unit)

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W.E. 11 / Nil / 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 969 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
	2		7	Captains	AAMC	1			
			20	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	5		28			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		29									29
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX8499	Lt	Baker. F.E.S.	K.G.V. cl. Hqrs NMDs	11/Apr/45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX45400	Lt	Sherriff F.K.	HA Amenities Service	5 Feb 45	AMF list 95
NX118463	Lt	Smith W.P.	GAD Sydney	7 Feb 45	Low retirement

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1st Apr /194.5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	VX66906	Cameron	A.G.	CO	Yes		
Capt	QX37051	Gilmore	J.C.S.	Coy Cdr	Yes		
	VX100099	Lovell	K.H.	do	Yes		
	NX12177	Derbyshire	M	do	Yes		
Lt A/Capt	VX14785	Stevenson	C.M.	Coy W/S	Yes		
	VX100097	Oliver	A.H.	Coy Sgt Maj	Yes		
	NX32866	McCammon	W.G.	Adjt	Yes		
	NX60545	Hodge	C.H.	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	NX37977	Somerville	R.C.		Yes		
	NX12420	Coyle	G.	Coy W/S	Yes		
	WX8499	Rakers	G.E.S.	do	Yes		
	VX117105	Kelly	W.H.	do	Yes		
	NX70430	Hall	L.J.	Sig (L)	Yes		
	NX8739	Thomas	R.R.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	NX16778	Goldsmith	J.V.	do	Yes		
	NX8947	Park	E.H.	do	Yes		
	NX13173	Norris	Jno.	do	Yes		
	NX68761	Eames	G.H.	do	Yes		
	NX105189	Jarvis		do	Yes		
	NX11793	Ley	E.L.	do	Yes		
	QX22661	Ferguson	K	do	Yes		
	WX 5859	Norrish	R.K.	do	Yes		
	VX22598	Reenie	P.C.	do	Yes		
	NX79975	Smiles	I.	I O	Yes		
	NX108936	Pain	A.C.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	NX17062	Cameron	K.R.	do	Yes		
	NX10166	Richardson	L.H.	I.O.	Yes		
	NX54772	Pennycook	A.N.D.	Quartermaster	Yes		
Capt	VX60859	McLennan	H.H.	Regt Q.M.	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX16315	Cameron A.A.	4 Fd Amb	1 Sept 44	Dental Off
Chaplain	QX33680	Adcock W	AACHD	10 May 44	
Mr	53/304	Jones T.L.	Salvation Army	3 Apr 45	Relieving Welfare Off

1 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

H Cameron Lt Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 4/ Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 Apr 45 /...../194..... 1 Aust Tk Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 1sc / 2 OFFRS. 22 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 22 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	2		2	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
1 R	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
NR	3		29	Sergeants 9	2 1 1 4	8		1	NR.
NR	12		53	Corporals 8	1 1 1 5	8			
	177		481	Troopers, Privates, etc. 12	1 1 2	12		1	NR.
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	195	1	575 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		30 *		2	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		605									605
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	Aust Army		
1	3/1 HDU		
1	3/1 FD Lab		
2	16 Aust Tk Bde Signals.		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 R.D.		
1	16 Aust Tk Bde		
1	LHQ Technical School.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14/Apr/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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Comd Hs Aust Lt Hr.

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Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	A/M	Number Wanted	Number Posted	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	A/M	Number Wanted	Number Posted	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II.	A/M	Number Wanted	Number Posted	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	A/M	Number Wanted	Number Posted
Ambulance Attendants				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asstn.				O.P.D. Assistants			
Assistant Artificer				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Stenographers			
Assistant Artificer (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Assistant Artificer (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Assistant Artificer (A.A.V.)				Tradesmen				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Assistant Artificer (Signals)				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Assistant Artificer (Ord.)				Watchmakers				Optician				Receptionists			
Assistant Artificer (Electrical)				Welders				Postal Orderly				Stretchers			
Assistant Artificer (Ord.)								Radiographer, Dry Plate				Sandpriders			
Assistant Artificer (Instrument)								Radiator Mender				Saddlers			
Assistant Artificer (M.V.)								Tricklers				Saddlers mates			
Assistant Artificer (Railway)								Radiographers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Assistant Artificer (Signals)								Riggers				Stevedores			
Assistant Artificer (Trestles)								Sprayers				Stokers, Ship's Engine			
Assistant Artificer (Instrument)								Slingmakers				Storeman, Technical			
Assistant Artificer, (Instrument) (Optical)								Slingwrights				Tailors			
Assistant Artificer, (Instrument) (Radio)								Telescope Erecting Fitters				Textile Refillers			
Assistant Artificer (Typewriter)								Well Borers				Tinsmiths			
Assistant Artificer (Wireless)								Wheelers				Vulcanizers			
Athletic Instructor								Winchmen				Wagon Erectors			
Attendant, Executive								Wireless				Whitesmiths			
Attendant, Plater								Woodworkers							
Attendant, Technical															
Baker															
Band (26 P.)															
Band (Signals)															
Band (Ord.)															
Band (Instrument)															
Band (26 P.)															
Band, Railway															
Band, Signals															
Band, Trestles															
Band, Instrument (Optical)															
Band, Instrument (Radio)															
Band, Instrument (Wireless)															
Band, Radio															
Band, Typewriter															
Band, Wireless															
Barbers															
Barrack Executive															
Bath Attendant															
Bricklayers															
Bricklayers, Steel															
Bricklayers, Wood															
Butchers															
Butchers, M.T.															
Cabinet Makers															
Carpenters															
Carpenters, Boat															
Carpenters, Shipwright															
Cartographers															
Cartographers, Assistant															
Cartographers, Draughtsmen															
Cartographers, Photographic															
Cartographers, Printers															
Cartographers, Process Workers															
Cartographers, Surveyors															
Cartographers, Zincographers															
Cashiers															
Chainmen															
Chemists															
Clerks															
Clerks, Accountant															
Clerks, Accountant (Pay)															
Clerks, Accountant (Supply)															
Clerks, Accountant (Transport)															
Clerks, Cashier															
Clerks, Cashier (Pay)															
Clerks, Cashier (Supply)															
Clerks, Cashier (Transport)															
Clerks, Costing															
Clerks, Costing (Pay)															
Clerks, Costing (Supply)															
Clerks, Costing (Transport)															
Clerks, Estimating															
Clerks, Estimating (Pay)															
Clerks, Estimating (Supply)															
Clerks, Estimating (Transport)															
Clerks, Pay															
Clerks, Supply															
Clerks, Transport															
Coach Trimmers															
Concretors															
Cooks															
Dental Clerk Orderlies															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen, Signals															
Drivers, M.T.															
Driver Mechanics															
Driver Tels. Fitter															
Engine Hands, L.C.															
Equipment Repairers															
Farriers															
Fitters, Motor															
Gun Layers															
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APPENDIX "A"
DATE 14/8/45

UNIT: 2/2 AUST INF BN

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required	x
TRADE GROUP 1							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
TRADE GRCUP II							
Carpenter	Pte	6	6				
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	1	1			NR
" "	Pte	7	8		1		
Signallers	Cpl	4	4				
"	Pte	22	16	6			NR
TRADE GROUP III							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk	Sjt	2	2				
"	Cpl	6	7		1		
"	Pte	4	3	1			NR
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1				
" "	Pte	3	3				
Tailor	Sjt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
NON-SPECIALISTS							
R S M	WO1	1	2		1		
C S M	WO11	5	3	2			NR
RQMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S sjt	5	4	1			NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	22	3			NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35				
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1			NR
Dvrs MT	Pte	11	11				
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3				
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4				
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	27	9			NR
" "	Pte	361	215	146			
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1		
" "	Pte	20	24		4		
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5				
" "	Pte	68	66	2			NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	32				
Pioneers	Cpl	4	2	2			NR
"	Pte	28	23	5			NR
Regt Police	Sjt	1	1				
" "	Pte	6	6				
Storemen	Pte	6	6				
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	1	1			NR
" "	Pte	18	18				
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4				
" " "	Pte	15	12	3			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
			504	185	8		

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TG II Mech M 1
Stretcher-bearer 1
TGIII Stevedore 1
Dvr Mech 18
Gunlayer 1
22

NOT provided for in WE : shown in LMG, M
Mortars and Pioneers.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART II

by

LT-COL A G CAMERON

COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
17 Apr 45

Sub No	No	Rank	Name	Particulars of Casualties etc and dates	
APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK					
38	NX 47854	Pte	WARDROP R	Appointed L/Cpl (Paid)	9.3.45
39	NX 2323	L Sjt	FINLAYSON M	Promoted Sjt	10.3.45
40	NX 1512	L Sjt	JACKSON E B H	Promoted A/Sjt	28.2.45
41	NX60002	L cpl	McNAMARA W E	Promoted Cpl	28.2.45
42	NX 1618	A Cpl	FISHER J W	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
43	NX 72634	A Cpl	JACKSON D E	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
44	NX 39494	A Cpl	BLACKMORE F A	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
45	NX 1885	A Sjt	HEYMAN T W	Rank of Sjt confirmed	13.3.45
46	NX 906	A Cpl	INNES R G	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
47	NX 42824	A Cpl	BLEWITT R D	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
48	NX 71883	A Cpl	TURNER A W H	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
49	NX 47963	A Cpl	WILLIAMS C C	Rank of Cpl confirmed	13.3.45
50	NX 39668	A Sjt	HEDGES C J	Rank of Sjt confirmed	13.3.45
51	NX 107977	A Sjt	GRANT D D	Rank of Sjt confirmed	13.3.45

TRADE GROUPINGS

52	WX 91664	Pte	POOLEY H C	Graded T.G.2 Sig	10.3.45

a. Pennegel Lt
Capt
(H G McGAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:-
HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
War Diary (2)
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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name		Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendation as to suitable posting.
NX1259	WOI	GYE	H C	38	A1	RSM		

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App 21

Asst. Adjt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

2/2 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 27

MOVE TO KARAWOP PLANTATION AREA

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Copy No .....

1. Within a few days it is expected that the Bn will move to the KARAWOP Plantation.

2. No medical survey has been made of the area but for the following reasons it is believed that the area is potentially a bad one for scrub typhus and malaria:-

(a) A large number of water-filled coconut shells and coconut husks are lying in the area and as they are lying in the shade of the grass they provide excellent breeding grounds for anophalene mosquitos.

(b) There are large quantities of rotting copra in the plantation. This provides food for rodents from which the bush mokka are infected with the typhus germ.

(c) These mokkas are brushed off the rodents into the grass from which we pick them up.

(d) No suitable timber exists in the close proximity of the area allotted to the Bn, for building "doovers" and raising canvasses 9 inches off the ground.

3. To protect all members of the Bn the following action will be taken:-

(a) Coys and Bn HQ will take immediate steps to cut sufficient suitable poles for erection of tents shelter halves, stretcher canvasses and store tents etc in present locality. These will be transported by MT.

(b) Irrespective of the period elapsing since the last impregnation, all clothing incl sox and gaiters will be thoroughly impregnated on the day prior to our movement to KARAWOP.

(c) On arrival at KARAWOP, grass and undergrowth will be cut throughout ALL Coy and HQs areas. It will also be cut along tracks leading to areas.

(d) On arrival at KARAWOP all coconut shells, husks, palm fronds and rubbish will be collected into heaps and burnt.

(e) Hygiene Inspector will inspect area on receipt of this instruction and arrange for spraying stagnant surface water, testing of running water suitable for drinking, if any.

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4. It is interesting to note that the existing cases of scrub typhus in the Unit have been traced to the period in which the Bn entered BUT. It will be remembered that an area was occupied on the NORTH of BUT strip on the night of 16/17 Mar 45. That area was entered at approx 2130 hrs and it is probable that many personnel slept on the ground. The KARAWOP area is a similar one.

5. In view of the seriousness of malaria and scrub typhus and the reduced strength of the Unit caused particularly by malaria, Coy Comds will take all necessary action to clear the area thoroughly and thus eliminate the origin of the infections as well as giving effect to existing precautions which are, to say the best, passive defence. From experience, you will get very little assistance, if any, from Malarial Control personnel or hygiene personnel other than our own hygiene section.

6/ Coy Comds will recce their Coy localities at a time to be notified by this HQ. Tpt will be arranged.

H.G. McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Signed at 181100K

Issued by through Sigs

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PATROL REPORT

Appx 22

Ref Map Bue East 1in.

PART I

Comd	Capt B OLIVER.
Str.	C Coy plus 4pl RMO, eight Stretcher bearers, FOO and party, Int, and native guides (~~6~~ one Police boy, three local natives).
Time out	171130.K Apr
Time in	182000K Apr.
Route out	From patrol base along KIAP Rd to KWANGEN MISSION, then SE and SOUTH to OLD KUMUDU, then SW to HARIMBOIA an unmapped village at 041203.
Rout IN	From HARIMBOIA NORTH to CR 038214, along CR patrol base.
Type	Fighting and Recce
Tasks.	Clear OLD KUMUDU
Report	OLD KUMUDU cleared 180220K. 4 enemy killed. Own Cas NIL. HARIMBOIA 041203 cleared 181440K casualties OWN 1 killed enemy one killed.

PART II.

1 171130 K patrol left base 029235 moving SE up spur along KIAP Rd to KWANGEN MISSION. 038224, finding no endence of use of mission by Japs since mission and KWANGEN cleared by this coy patrol 9 Apr.

2 Patrol then moved SSE along high ground crossing saddle at 040221.

3 From this pt patrol proceeded SE along clearly defined ~~R~~ which presumably led to KUMUDU. Well strung sig line followed this ~~R~~.

4. ~~At 043218~~ patrol descended to CR bed at 043218. The going was difficult along small ~~R~~ and path through dense undergrowth.

5 The Coy then moved SW up spur to 044216, ~~where~~ bivouacing for the night 1630hrs.

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6. 171700K one native was sent to recce OLD KUMUDU. He returned 1800 hrs reporting village occupied by enemy, estimated Str 15. No sign of LMGs previously reported.

7. Coy moved 180630K to assault OLD KUMUDU.
Plan:- Double assault
A ① 13 pl (Comd Sgt J PENNYCOOK) from WEST
② 14 pl (Comd Sgt C. GLEESON) from SOUTH.
③ 15 pl (Comd Lt J NORRIE) to give sp from high ground behind village.

Unfortunately in moving up to assault 14 pl ran into two unarmed Japs 300 ydo from village. These had to be killed, but surprise was lost and 15 pl did not have time to get into posn and reap the reward of the ensuing panic in the village when the enemy fled SOUTH, leaving rifles eqpt & docs.

8 The escaped enemy Jps are believed to have fled to an unmapped village - HARIMBOIA at 041203.
Enemy casualties 4 Killed (two in village). Our nil.

9. After burning the village patrol moved out 1330 hrs to assault HARIMBOIA, moving along well defined Tk running SW.

10. 1410 hrs fwd elements approaching village were fired on by three sentries at 042204. Enemy Str unknown. Shouting heard on spur above. 13 and 14 pls assaulted this high ground adv up a steep and difficult incline through dense undergrowth.

11. On crest of spur a short engagement ensued in which Pte NEWBERRY P.A. was killed at point blnk range.

12. The A pl entered the village, 13 and 14 pls moving along well used Tk on top of spur to consolidate with the coy in the village. Fleeing enemy could be heard across reentrant to SE. Casualties, our Killed, enemy one killed.

13. After collecting enemy eqpt and docs and burning huts patrol left HARIMBOIA 1730 hrs, moving NORTH to Ck at 038214, thence along Ck back to base.

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The route was along an exallent tk with hard sandy bottom, with wide sand bars running parallel to shallow stream.

14. 182000K ~~arne~~ arrived at base.

15 TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Remarks in previous repts as to the unreliability of the form lines on the one inch map are strengthened by the fact that HILL HARIMBOIA 041203 is situated on ~~the top~~ a pimple at the SW end of a razorback running NE.-

16. Pte WARTON D N of the Bn Int Sec acted as Pidgin Interpreter throughout the patrol.

17 The police boy and native guides rendered invaluable service.

5 May 45.

B.E. Jenkins. INT. SEC.

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MESSAGE FORM

Appx 23

From 2/2 Aust Inf Bn 190850K

To A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, RMO, IO, QM, TO, Hygiene Inspector

For Infm Sig Offr

Originators Number

0195 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will move to KARAWOP on22 Apr (.) time and details will be advised (.) subject to availability of tpt Coy Comds may prior to that date send parties to clear new coy areas (.) construct latrines (.) dig in HQ sites (.) Coy Comd to liaise with QM regarding tpt (.) the KARAWOP area has not yet been cleared from mines particular care will be taken until area is inspected by Pionrs 2/3 Inf Bn

If liable to be intercepted or likely to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER

IMPORTANT

Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2/2 Aust Inf Bn 191210K

To A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, RMO, QM, IO, TO, Hygiene Inspector.

For Infm Sig Offr

Originators Number
0196 SECRET (.) ref my 0195 of 19 Apr 45 mvt KARAWOP (.)
all mvt deferred until further notice (.) coys may continue
to prepare new area

If liable to be intercepted or
likely to fall into enemy hands
this message must be sent IN
CIPHER

H McCarron
Capt

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2/2 Inf Bn

SECRET

Copy No 2

20 Apr 45.

16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO 3

MOV UNITS KARAWOP AREA

1. The following units under comd this HQ will move KARAWOP to areas as allotted as per table att.

2. All pers and stores will move by MT.

3. Mov Table as per Appx A.

4. WATER

(a) WP 088237

(b) Until further notice allotment of water carts and responsibility as follows: -

UNIT	WATER CARTS 3 Ton	WATER CARTS Jeep Trailer	Responsibility
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1		2/1 Aust Inf Bn HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde ADS
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	1		2/2 Aust Inf Bn C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt 2/25 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1	3	Own unit
2/1 Aust Fd Coy		4	Own Unit

5. RATIONS

(a) DID opens 071237 211400K.

(b) Rations for consumption 22 Apr onward issued by this DID for units EAST DAGUA.

(c) Until further notice units will draw own rations.

6. POL AMN

(a) Until completion mov units, to be drawn from FMC BUT.

(b) When mov completed stocks will be available DID KARAWOP.

7. MEDICAL

ADS 086236.

8. POSTAL

FPO 23 opens 211400K 085237.

9. PAY CANTEEN

Remain present location FMC BUT.

10. SAL

Remain present location FMC BUT.

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11. REC

(a) 2/45 Aust LAD opens 241400K 072237.

(b) Rec veh available C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt 084230.

(c) 110 Aust Bde Wksp and 110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk remain present location BUT drome.

ACK.

Method Despatch - RUNNER

TOS 1430

Capt
(J.W. TOWN)
S C 16 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution: -

2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
2/2 Aust Fd Regt
2/1 Aust Fd Coy
2/25 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
110 Aust Bde Wksp
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
6 Aust Div
FMC BUT
DID BUT
16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/45 Aust LAD
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MOVEMENT TABLE

Appx A to 16 Aust Inf Bde
Adm Instr No 3 of 20 Apr 45.

e	Unit	Vehs - 2½ tonners Unit	Allotted for move	Allotted from	Tpt Allotted to report	Remarks
21	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	2	-	-	-	
	C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	1	1	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	201900K	Veh allotted to make two trips and then report HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde
	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	6	6	2/4 Aust Tpt Pl	201800K	Vehs allotted to make two trips and then report back 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
	2/25 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	2	FMC	210700K	Vehs return FMC
22	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	6	6	2/4 Aust Tpt Pl	211800K	Vehs allotted to return 2/3 Aust Inf Bn on completion
23	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	-	15	1 C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt 2 16 Bde HQ 6 2/4 Aust Tpt Pl 6 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	211900K	To make two trips each and then report 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
24	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	-	15	1 C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt 6 2/2 Aust Fd Regt 6 2/4 Aust Tpt Pl 2 16 Bde HQ	221900K	To make two trips each and then report own units except 2/4 Aust Tpt Pl which report HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET Appx 26

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

2/2 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL REPORT

27 FEB - 14 APR 45

1. This report covers the period 27 Feb-14 Apr 45. On arrival in the ABAU area on 19 Feb 45 the unit was reserve Bn. Its primary role being the construction of various roads and tracks in that area, in particular the foot track to ARIUAI saddle and jeep road to head of NIMBUM creek were completed. Both of these being used as L of C to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. In addition extensive patrolling was carried out. D Coy trained at MATAPAU in cooperation with tanks and engrs.

2. PART 1 - RECORD OF EVENTS

Phase 1. Ref appx "A and B" attached.

27 Feb - 13 Mar 45 WANK CREEK TO NINAHAU

27 Feb The Bn moved from NIAP to WANK Creek with B Coy forward patrolling to the ANUMB River. The following day the CO with his R Gp carried out a recce of the SOWOM Villages, B Coy providing protective patrols and occupying the WEST SOWOM village. By 1800 hrs 1 March

1 Mar the Bn occupied SOWOM villages with one Coy disposed on the GERMAN RD.

2 Mar The patrol limit was laid down as SIMBI CREEK and the NORTHING GRID 288 and patrols were ordered to cover the entire area. On this date the Bn made first encounters with the enemy Lt SHANAHAN with 13 Pl being ambushed on the GERMAN RD short of the SIMBI FLOOD CHANNEL while Lt R R THOMAS with 10 Pl made a successful attack on enemy positions on SIMBI CREEK.
A standing patrol was established on the EAST bank of the creek and B Coy moved to the WEST Bank.

4 Mar The Bn concentrated in SIMBI CREEK area to allow 16 Bde to move into SOWOM and active patrolling s continued until 11 Mar when patrol limits were extended to GILAGAMAK CREEK.

12 Mar Patrols operated to the NINAHAU and on 13 Mar the C.O. with a protective patrol made recce of BAI villages.

Phase 2.

14 Mar - 19 Mar NINAHAU - BUT

14 Mar A warning order was issued to the Bn to move to BUT 15/16 Mar, as a preliminary patrols were ordered to clear the area to the GILAGAMAK and 13 Pl to move to BAI and establish a dump for B Coy which was to lead the advance.

15 Mar B Coy encountered stubborn resistance (835286) WEST of ULBAN and attempts to outflank the enemy failed the Coy withdrawing into a defensive perimeter for the night; meanwhile the Bn had moved up and was disposed about BAI and ULTAN.

16 Mar After an Arty conc B Coy deployed for attack on a two platoon front and by 1300 hrs the enemy were destroyed. Both arty and WP 77 grenades were used to good effect on this occasion. A Coy then moved through B Coy the remainder of the Bn following. At 1700 hrs enemy guns opened up on the column at MANIB CREEK and at the same time 1x20 mm QF AA gun opened on leading elements of A Coy from the SE. The Bn halted but moved forward under cover of darkness and dug in on the EASTERN end of BUT drome.

17 Mar At 1223 A Coy attained the objective. One 75mm gun in BUT Pt̄n shelling the coy area. At 1700 hrs the Bn was disposed around BUT JETTY. Air droppings were made with 60% recovery; while dropping was taking place an A/A gun opened up from the hills to the SOUTH of the strip, but was silenced by Arty fire. Two arty pieces sited vicinity DAGUA shelled Bn area.

18 Mar Enemy guns again opened on Bn area at 0700K. Patrols moved out into the foothills and along the coast spiking 3x75mm guns. Further air droppings were carried out, this time with 90% recovery and Boomerangs strafed the area of the AA gun and

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Phase 3. BUT - DAGUA

19 Mar - 21 Mar.

On 19 Mar the Bn moved to BUT MISSION area patrols clearing the coast to SMAIN, the following day further patrols operated to the HALAKIMOK river and the WEST of DAGUA airstrip. The BUT area was now immune from enemy artillery fire.
At 1815 the CO received orders that the Bn would occupy DAGUA strip 21 Mar, this was done by 211212K and the area cleared to DAGUA LAGOON.

Phase 4.

22 Mar - 6 Apr. JIKKOKU PASS ACTION

22 Mar With the object of clearing the DAGUA area patrols were sent out to clear the MAGAHEN villages and GERMAN RD while D Coy was ordered to move out during the afternoon to clear the WONGINARA Track. At 1615 hrs D Coy moved out and comms were not re-established until 2134 when reports were received by runner that it had encountered strong enemy opposition on the track at 962223, sustaining a number of casualties and being forced to withdraw.

23 Mar In anticipation the CO moved A Coy to the track junction at 942236 and ordered that D Coy would attack along axis of the track while other patrols operated on the flanks. During the morning a 75mm gun located in the pass fired on D Coy. The next day 11 Pl while patrolling in the foothills encountered enemy preparing to dig in on the 1410' feature and after an arty conc launched a successful attack killing 14 enemy and consolidating on the feature. This feature had been covered by a recce patrol the previous day and reported clear, indicating a hasty change in dispositions by the enemy. The same afternoon a patrol from D Coy met with heavy fire along the track and was forced to withdraw.

25 Mar The COs intention was to maintain pressure up the WONGINARA track, send a patrol onto KAUREMARAK hill to overlook the road and attack with A Coy EAST along the ridge to the track, thence turning NORTH to link up with D Coy. As yet the strength of the enemy was unknown though it was obvious that they were in good condition and determined in their resistance.
A Coy met heavy opposition on CHOWNE KNOLL and it was not until two Pl attacks had been made culminating in a bayonet charge that the position was taken.

26 Mar On 26 Mar the CO decided to make a personal effort to determine the enemy flanks using 14 Pl but the patrol encountered heavy opposition and found the enemy holding on a front of at least 100 yards and covering both NORTH and SOUTH slopes of razorback.

27 Mar After an airstrike and arty and mortar concentrations A Coy attacked the feature where the enemy had been located the previous day and at 1700 hrs were forced to withdraw to their previous position.
B Coy was now ordered to relieve A Coy and an extensive harassing programme by Arty and Mortar was arranged for the night.
From 27 Mar - 2 Apr was a period of recce, and sniping activities by both B and D Coy. Airstrikes were made 30 Mar, 31 Mar, 1 Apr and 2 Apr with little success mainly due to the direction of approach which was contrary to that suggested and the "nose-extension" bombs used. Arty and mortar harassing fire both by day and night was accurate and effective.

2 Apr Following the airstrike and arty concentrations B Coy attacked and captured JAP KNOLL 021300K and A Coy moved up on the ridge preparatory to relieving B Coy on 3 Apr.

3 Apr After an hours arty conc A Coy attacked LOW KNOLL to the EAST of JAP KNOLL in an effort to cut the WONGINARA track at 963214 capturing the 75mm gun which had fired on D Coy. The attack failed in face of determined defence by the enemy.
A Coy remained on JAP KNOLL carrying out local recce until contact was made with 2/3 Bn patrols moving up on the WEST

Phase 5.

7 Apr-14 Apr. PATROL PERIOD

The patrol boundary for the Bn laid down covered AUTOGI. WALLANDUU. KWANGEN and instructions were issued that the area would be thoroughly cleared. With this object in view the CO ordered a recce patrol 31 Mar - 3 Apr to determine the extent of enemy opposition to be expected in this area. Based on information received from this patrol ARTY R was carried out and a shoot conducted on AUTOGI and WALLANDUUM. On the 7 Apr a patrol base was established and on the 8 Apr C Coy patrol moved out to clear these villages completing its task 12 Apr.

13 Apr A recce was made along COAST Rd to vicinity WISLING by 16 Pl accompanied by Engr Recce Offr. While returning the platoon was fired on by an enemy mortar without casualties.

14 Apr Local patrols only were carried out.

15 Apr 2/1 Bn moved through D Coy en route to KARAWOP.

Total distance covered during advance of 2/2 Bn - 26 miles.

3. PART II - LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

(a) No new lessons have been learnt in the campaign during the period covered by this report. The application of our training to battle has always been effective.
Problems of resupply, maintenance etc have been overcome by the adoption of training and experience to local conditions.

(b) Supporting Arms

(i) Artillery

Arty support when used has been satisfactory. No target was engaged which could effectively be dealt with by battalion weapons. Gunners are inclined to "wish" fire onto inf comds irrespective of the opposition encountered.

It was found continual supervision of the Arty Comd's party was necessary, initially the party at Bn HQ was 46, this was reduced to 12. Number of personnel in OPO parties were reduced from 15 to 5. The arty worked quite efficiently with the reduced number and did not encumber the deployment of the battalion .

Whilst close liaison with infantry and guns is important it was found that gunners adopted a competitive outlook with communications in "a race to get information back first." Information thus transmitted was passed over Bty frequency and in this way news of operations was known at higher formation before the Bn Comd.

Road facilities do not permit normal deployment of fd arty and for this reason combined with the fact that the campaign is essentially a "sub-unit war", it is felt that arty should be placed under comd forward units. In existing circumstances with the extensive deployment of the Regt and sometimes Btys the doctrine expounded in FSR Vol II, that arty should be under comd of the senior arty comd, appears inappropriate.

(ii) Air Support

(a) To destroy enemy and enemy positions on ~~CHOWNE~~ JAP KNOLL (JIKKOKU PASS).

(b) EAST - WEST 100x NORTH-SOUTH 60x.

(c) Approx 40 deep pits.

(d) Strikes, 27 Mar, 30 Mar, 31 Mar, 1 Apr, 2 Apr.

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(11) Air Support

(d) Total Bombs dropped.

25x500 lb med case inst fuze.
29x500 lb rod extension fuse.
24x30 lb full frag
8x30 lb incendiaries
2x300 lb instantaneous demo fuse.

(e) No indication could be found of bombs falling on the target although sticks were observed to straddle the target. Some incendiaries fell in the target area but not on the target.

(f) Nil

(g) 300x to 350x

(h) 3" mortar smoke which on each occasion fell on target.

(i) The suggested approach for the aircraft on each occasion was 240 degrees mag, but the strikes were all made on a bearing of 60 deg mag. The result was that the width of the target was 50x whereas along the ridge its extent was 100x.
It is possible that some rod extension fused bombs were in the target area, but no enemy positions were destroyed.

(c) Resupply

(1) Rations

SWPA scale has been adequate but is considered too bulky when the bn is adv gd. It is not always possible for unit tpt to move with the unit owing to the terrain, and cooking gear cannot be moved forward. Consequently no facilities are available for preparing the ration.

Supplies of bully beef, biscuits, rice, tea, sugar, milk and salt would overcome this problem. The period for which hard rations would be consumed is usually short and it is thought that an "unbalanced ration" would not effect the health of the troops.

(ii) Ammunition

The supplying of additional component parts as reserves to replace US igniter sets etc is a requirement. This would overcome the present system of re-issue which is unwieldy.

4. PART III - EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS

(i) It is considered that all standard weapons on issue are a requirement and have fulfilled their tasks effectively.

(ii) The provisionof a stronger amn bandolier is a requirement. The present cloth type is not durable enough and hasa comparatively short life. The provision of a light canvas type is desirable. The usage rate of bandolier packed amn is not high and the replacement of US bandolier cannot be maintained.

(iii) Signal Equipment

108 Mk III wireless sets have given excellent service. However the sets should be replaced more frequently. Present sets have been in contimual use for 18 months. It is considered that a No 22 Set should be on WET of an inf bn in addition to the set supplied as Bde link. The additional set would be used as control working to 108 -

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(111) Signal Equipment

SCR 536b sets have not proved successful, the set is not strong enough to withstand active operations. They require continual maintenance and the supply of spare parts is inadequate.

It is recommended that the equipment be retained on WET for use in open warfare.

Cable

WE of D III cable is 8 miles and is insufficient for normal requirements. This unit had 14 miles of cable laid at one stage of the campaign. The present WE precludes the use of cable with coy patrols, wireless is necessarily relied for comms. W130 cable gave better results if used as earth return.

L Phones

The present standard telephone has not performed satisfactorily. Although water proofed it seems to be affected by tropical climate. Continual maintenance is necessary which under battle conditions is not always practicable. The provision of one power phone as issued to Bde HQ is considered an urgent requirement.

(iv) Recommendations have already been submitted for the deletion of various items of equipment from WET.

5. Appendices "A" and "B" are attached.

H Cameron

Lt-col

(A G CAMERON)
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

2/Apr 45.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

16/45
...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/11/1945. H'quarters (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/2. OFFRS. 12 O.R's 269 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 23 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	1		1	*					
	2		-	*					
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		6	Majors	AAMC	1			
	2		17	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	9		W			1			

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		35									35
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
(100099	Capt	Lovell K.H.	—	17/11/45	Leave 3/1 M.D.S.
X16798	Lt	Goldsmith D.V.	—	17/11/45	do.
X1350		Coyle G.	—	17/11/45	do
X48174		Nonnie Jos.	—	10/11/45	do

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/Apr/194[illegible] (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	VX44906	Cameron	A.G.	C.O.	Yes		
Capt	QX1704	Gilmore	J.C.S.	Captain	Yes		
	NX13177	Derbyshire	M	A.O.	Yes		
Lt Capt	VX1[illegible]8	Stevenson	C.M.	A.O.	Yes		
	VX100007	Dion	A.H.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]568	McCammon	N.G.	Adjt	Yes		
	NX60[illegible]5	Hodge	C.H.	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	NX[illegible]734	Somerville	R.C.		Yes		
	WX[illegible]90	Baker	J.E.S.	Coy S/C	Yes		
	VX[illegible]105	Kelly	W.H.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]20	Hall	L.A.	Gas(L)	Yes		
	NX[illegible]9	Thomson	R.K.	Pte Cmd	Yes		
	NX[illegible]h	Park	C.N.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]65	Eames	F.H.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]59	Jarvis	J.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]d	Ley	W.	A.O.	Yes		
	QX[illegible]61	Ferguson	K	A.O.	Yes		
	WX[illegible]59	Norbish	D.K.	A.O.	Yes		
	VX[illegible]99	Regan	P.C.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]5	Eccles	J.	T.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]6	Lane	A.C.	Pte Cmd	Yes		
	NX[illegible]2	Cameron	K.K.	A.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]67	Richardson	L.H.	T.O.	Yes		
	NX[illegible]?	Pennycuick	A.N.O.	Asst Adjt	Yes		
Capt.	VX[illegible]29	McLennan	J.H.	Regt O.	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX[illegible]15	Cameron K.K.	H/Q 17 Bde.	1 Apr 41	Dental Off
Captain	QX[illegible]80	Alcorn I.V.	Attchd	30 May 41	
Lt	N[illegible]/30[illegible]	Jones F.L.	Salisbury	30 Apr 41	Pharmacist to Regt

H Apr 41
Date of Despatch

K Cameron Lt Col
Signature of Commander
Comd H/Q Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/Apr/194[illegible]. [illegible] (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/42. OFFRS. 22 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 92 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
NR	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
NR	6		26	Sergeants 9	2 1 1 5	9			
NR	18		49	Corporals 8	1 1 1 5	8			
	29		43	Troopers, Privates, etc. 14	1 14	13		1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	56	1	56 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		51 *		1	NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		555						[redacted]	[redacted]		555
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	Salvage Army		
4	1/4 ADV		
4	1/15 LAD		
2	Northd Fus Regt		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	ARO		
1	LHQ Tactical School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21/Apr/1945 Appx 27

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

21 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Comd H/q Aust Sig/Rus

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APPENDIX "A"
DATE 21 Apr 45

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required X
TRADE GROUP I						
Blacksmith	Pte	1		1		
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	22	16	6		
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	5	1		NR
"	Pte	4	3	1		
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Cpl	1		1		NR
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
R S M	WOI	1	2		1	
C S M	WOII	5	3	2		NR
RQMS	WOII	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	20	5		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Dvg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	24	12		NR
" "	Pte	361	156	205		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1	
" "	Pte	20	22		2	
Mortar Nos	Dpl	5	6		1	
" "	Pte	68	66	2		
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			NR
Pioneers	Cpl	4	1	3		
"	Pte	28	23	5		
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	18			
T/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" " "	Pte	15	12	3		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL -		759	524	251	0	

NOTE:- TG II

TGIII	Mech MT	1
	Stonemason	1
	Stevedore	1
	Dvr Mech	16
	Gunlayer	1
		20

NOT provided for in WE : shown in LMG, MMG, Mortars and Pioneers.

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendation as to suitable posting.
NX 1259	WOI	GYE	H C	38	A1	RSM	

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PRECIS BN COMDS OO for 27 Apr 45

Coy Roles

1. D Coy with in sp one tp tks, two secs engrs with bulldoger and tractor, plus FOO and one bty in sp will:-
   (a) Secure WEST BANK HAWAIN RIVER
   (b) Neutralize EAST BANK
   (c) Be prepared to extend brhead when secured by C Coy.

2. C Coy. with in sp 2/1 Aust Fd Coy and bridging eqpt, FOO and one bty on call will:-
   (a) Secure brhead EAST BANK HAWAIN River following engr recce.

Coy may have tk and bn sp weapons if required.

3 B Coy with u/comd 5 pl, in sp FOO and one bty on call will:-
   (a) Capture PAROM
   (b) Establish Standing Patrol Str one pl on 800 Feature.
   (c) Underlike tk improvement, WEZUBI - PAROM.

4 Reserves. A Coy one tp tks, two secs engrs. to establish base at WEZUBI
HQ Coy HQ, 3pl, 4pl establish base NAUGIB.

Order of March.

1 D Coy, one sec engrs, one tp tks, bulldoger
2 BHQ
3 C Coy
4 RAE eqpt on wheels
5 B Coy
6 A Coy
7 RAP and bearers from 2/1 Fd Coy AAMC.
8 HQ Coy

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ORDER of MARCH cont.

9 One Tp Hrs
10 Two Sec engrs.

START TIME

270645K.

START PT

BOIKEN CK.

Halts at discretion D Coy Comd.
Intervals NOT closer than (a) 5yds between men
(b) 50yds between Coy gps.

ADM

1. Medical: RAP to be established NAUALB.
2. Tpt: Follows on tail of Column.

INTER Com.

1. Bn HQ close 270645, reopens same time in column, to be established HAWAIN River.
2. Line laid behind B Coy.
   Bde line to leading Coy. D Coy line only to tee in.

We may assumed we may come under Arty or Mor fire.

261645 K Apr.
Verbal.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART II

by

LT-COL A G CAMERON

COMMANDING 2/2 AUST INF BN

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
27 Apr 45

Sub No	No	Rank	Name	Particulars of Casualties etc and dates	
APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK					
53	NX12996	A/Cpl	KENT R	Rank of Cpl confirmed	22.3.45
54	NX152062	Pte	HENDERSON R R	Appointed L/Cpl (Paid)	24.3.45
55	NX109998	"	ARMBRUSTER W F	Appointed L/Cpl (Paid)	25.3.45
56	NX42264	"	CRUICKSHANK P W	Appointed L/Cpl (Paid)	25.3.45
57	NX68806	"	MESSENGER L A	Appointed L/Cpl (Paid)	25.3.45
58	NX42848	Cpl	DONNETT A H	Appointed L/Sjt	27.3.45
59	NX5719	Pte	LOGAN G G	Appointed L/Cpl (Unpaid)	29.3.45
60	NX1583	"	WOODS V A	Promoted Cpl	30.3.45
61	NX1755	"	IRVINE L J	Promoted Cpl	30.3.45
62	VX106099	L/Cpl	LAWLER R D	Promoted Cpl	30.3.45
TRADE GROUPINGS					
63	NX42799	Pte	MAINA N	Relinquished A/Group 1 Elect Sig (at own Request)	29.3.45
				Graded Group 2 Sig	29.3.45
64	NX110053	"	BARTRIM R K	Graded Group 2 Sig	28.3.45
65	NX2377	"	BULLOCK J K	Graded Group 2 Sig	28.3.45

J. Permezel Lt
Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:-
HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Bn HQ
War Diary (2)
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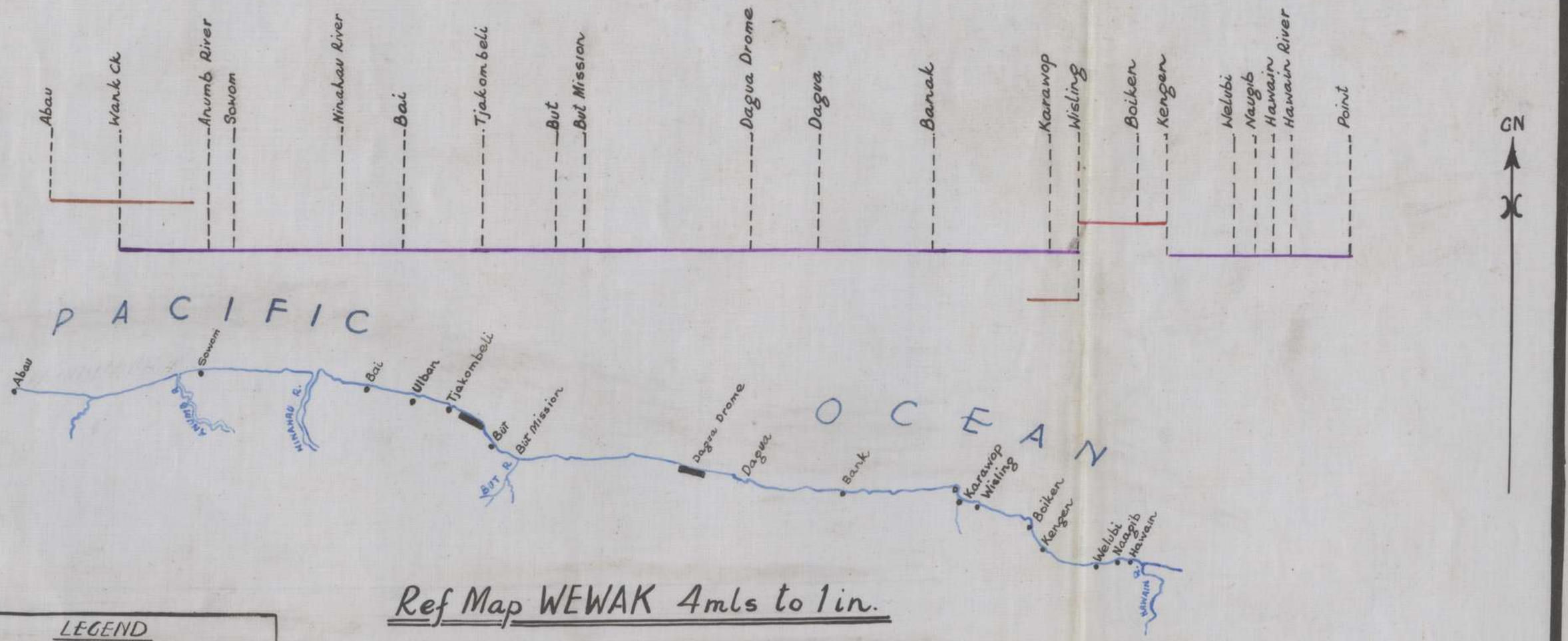
DIAGRAM SHOWING ADVANCE OF 16 AUST INF BDE

From 28 Jan 45 to 27 Apr 45.



LEGEND

2/1 Bn ———
2/2 " ———
2/3 " ———

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE SECRET

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

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2/2 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 29

MOVE TO KARAWOP PLANTATION AREA

Ref map DAGUA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile.

1. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will move to KARAWOP Plantation area on 24 Apr 45 in three phases:-

(a) marching pers
(b) Troops transported and Coy Stores
(c) B Echelon

PHASE 1 - MARCHING PERSONNEL.

2. Troops D Coy

3. S.P. 062238

4. S.T. 240800K

5. Dress Jungle Scale

6. Rations Unconsumed portion of days rations will be carried.

7. Coy Stores

Coy stores will be dumped in one coy dump. TO will supply two jeeps to ferry stores to new area, jeeps to report 240730K. On completion of task jeeps will return to tpt lines.

PHASE 2 - TROOPS TRANSPORTED & COY STORES.

8. Order of Move

Bn HQ
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
HQ Coy.

9. Mvt Table

Mvt table attached at Appx "A".

10. Control

(a) Coys will each appoint an embussing officer. This Offr will be responsible for correct embussing and debussing of pers.

(b) Lt R R THOMAS is appointed Bn embussing offr, his duties are:- (i) ensure convoy moves in coy blocks
(ii) Mvt table is adhered to.

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10. (c) T.O. will be responsible for control of vehs at KARAWOP. He will recce suitable turnround and ensure that vehs return as soon as emptied.

(d) RSM will provide 3 RP to assist T.O. To report tpt lines 240730K.

(e) The KARAWOP rd is congested with normal traffic and mechanical equipt of engrs. Every care must be taken to ensure each coy convoy moves blocked up, troops debussed as far as practicable off the rd and as quickly as possible.

(f) Coy Comds will be OC respective coy convoys and will ensure all pers sit within the confines of the vehs throughout the move. One guide from A and B Coys will report T.O. 240650K. C Coy will place one guide at entrance to track to guide vehs to coy area.

11. Dress

(a) Jungle order, water bottles filled.

(b) Packs will be carried in troop carrying vehs.

12. Rations

(a) Unexpired portion of day on man.

(b) DID opens 071237 211400K.

(c) Rations for consumption 22 Apr onwards will be issued by this DID for units EAST DAGUA.

(d) Until further notice QM will draw unit rations.

(e) Rations up to 24 Apr 45 will be supplied by DID BUT.

13. P.O.L.

Until move, FMC BUT; thereafter, DID KARAWOP.

14. Amn

(a) Normal scale on man.

(b) SAA reserve (approx 6 ton) will be moved under arrangements QM.

13. Coy Stores

(a) Coy stores and cooking gear will be moved in tpt allotted. All timber used in construction of "doovers" and erection of canvas tops will be taken. All 44 gall drums used as water containers will be included.

14. Water

(a) QM will arrange for water cart to service coys in new areas as soon as practicable after their arrival.

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14. (b) Water cart on loan this unit will water C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt.

15. Medical

(a) Attention is drawn to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instn No 29 for strict compliance.

(b) RAP closes present location 240630K and reopens on arrival new area.

(c) Any casualties during move will be evacuated to ADS at 086236.

16. Hygiene

(a) Particular care will be taken to ensure that prior to leaving the present area is in inspection order, all latrines, and rubbish pits will be closed and sealed.

17. Intercom

(a) Sigs

(i) Sig Offr will arrange adv Sig Centre open new location 240900K.
(ii) Sig Centre closes present location 240900K.

(b) Bn HQ

Closes present location 240900K, reopens same time KARAWOP.

PHASE 3 - B ECHELON.

18. Under arrangements QM, to be completed by 251200K.

Ack

Signed at 210945K

H McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Issued through Sigs

DISTRIBUTION:-	Copy No	Appx "A"
A Coy	1	1
B Coy	2	2
C Coy	3	3
D Coy	4	4
HQ Coy	5	5
CO	6	6
QM	7	7
IO	8	8
Asst Adjt	9	9
T.O.	10	10
RMO	11	11
Lt THOMAS	12	12
16 Aust Inf Bde	13	13
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Spare	16	16
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No 29. Appx A.

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LOAD - 22 pers

MIH) as ordered
Density) by T.O.

MOVEMENT TABLE

Sub-Unit	Strength	Vehs Pers	Vehs Stores	Pers with Store Vehs	Vehs allotted Report	S.P.	S.T.	Remarks
Bn HQ	6 - 66	2	2	20	240700K	977248	240730K	Sig Stores, Bn HQ 1x2½ ton veh
A Coy	3 -104	5	1	5	240700K	984246	240745K	
B Coy	3 - 84	4	1	5	240700K	977248	240800K	RAP, Kitchen) 1x3½ ton veh
								TO will ensure first 5 vehs report C Coy on being debussed.
C Coy	3 - 99	4	1	10	241030K	028239	241100K	Timing approx only.
HQ Coy	4 -105	4	2	22	241130K	977248	241200K	Timing approx only. Tk A guns will be towed.
B Ech	3 - 36		4		241130K			Unit jeeps will also be used. Move under arrange-ments QM.
S.A.A.								

(a) Remainder B Ech and SAA (approx 6 tons) will be moved 25 Apr 45 under arrangements QM.
(b) 15x2½ ton vehs will report T.O. 231900K, who will arrange rationing.
(c) On completion two trips as laid down above, vehs will report own units except 2/4 Aust Tpt Pl which will report HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.
(d) One jeep will report Sig Centre 240900K to move Sig Centre.

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24 Apr 45

16 AUST INF BDE 003

Ref maps: 1 in to 1 mile BUT EAST
1 in to 1 mile KAIRIRU.

INFM

1. Enemy

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Sitreps and 6 Aust Div Int Summaries.

2. Own Tps

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Locstats.

INTENTION

3. 16 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will capture mouth HAWAIN River.

METHOD

4. Policy

(a) HAWAIN River will be secured without avoidable delay. Main thrust will be along coastal track. To protect this route against interference patrol bases will be established along line of high feature running NW and SE about 1500 yds in from coast.

(b) Op will be carried out in three phazes.

5. FIRST PHAZE

(a) Comd. -

Maj B W CATTERNS 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Tps. -

2/1 Aust Inf Bn

In sp. - 2/2 Aust Fd Regt with priority call on one tp.

(c) Objective. -

Hill 1800 103213 (MOKIN MTN)

(d) Date. -

Op will begin on 25 Apr.

(e) Limit exploitation. -

EAST and SE to edge BOIKEN PTN.

(f) Def KARAWOP Area. -

Area all incl ck at 112227 - SW along ck - MOKIN MTN - ridge at 074220 - ck at 072237 will be defended by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

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All units remaining in this area will be operationally under comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn for purposes local def.

(g) Bde Res. -

2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn less one tp.
2/2 Aust Inf Bn until committed.

6. SECOND PHAZE

(a) Comd. -

Lt-Col I HUTCHISON 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Tps. -

2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

In sp. - C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less three tps.
2/2 Aust Fd Regt with priority call on one tp.
One pl 2/1 Aust Fd Coy.

(c) Objective. -

Clear coastal area incl intermediate feature between MOKIF MTN, and coast but excl MOKIN MTN to gen line KURAPIA - Hill at 122201.

(d) Date. -

Op begin 25 Apr.

(e) Limit exploitation. -

SE to gen line KALIMBOA - ridges at 139195 and 137189.

(f) Def BOIKEN Area. -

(i) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn will defend BOGIM HARBOUR and BOIKEN PTN area and ensure their retention for uninterrupted assembly HQ 6 Aust Div and 19 Aust Inf Bde.

(ii) BOIKEN area will be kept as free as practicable of 16 Aust Inf Bde and att tps.

(iii) All units in BOIKEN area will be operationally under comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn for purposes local def.

(g) Bde Res. -

2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn less one tp.
2/2 Aust Inf Bn until committed.

7. THIRD PHAZE

(a) Comd. -

Lt-Col A G CAMERON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Tps. -

2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

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In sp. — C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less three tps on release from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn as ordered this HQ.
2/2 Aust Fd Regt with priority call on one bty.
One pl 2/1 Aust Fd Coy.
Remainder 2/1 Aust Fd Coy with assault boat eqpt when able to get fwd.

(c) Objective. -

(i) Continue adv fwd of exploitation achieved by second phaze, fwd to HAWAIN River.

(ii) Establish bridge-head across HAWAIN River and cover constr of bridge.

(d) Date. -

As ordered by this HQ. Aim will be to avoid check of impetus after second phaze.

(e) Exploitation. -

None.

(f) Def KALIMBAO - HAWAIN Area. -

All units fwd of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn will be operationally under comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn for purposes local def.

(g) Bde Res. -

(i) 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn less one tp.

(ii) 2/1 and 2/3 Aust Inf Bns as soon as practicable will arrange for one coy each to be freed of other responsibilities and be available as bde res in an emergency.

8. Cav.

2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn less one tp will remain present locality at two hrs notice from 260900K. Possible role - relieve one coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn of def role at KARAWOP.

9. RAA

(a) 2/2 Aust Fd Regt has under comd

1 Bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt (4 x 75 mm hows)
Two 4.2 inch mortars.

These will be allotted to provide or augment sp fire at discretion of CO 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

(b) All comds will observe the following policy. -

(i) Unless arty fire would destroy surprise when there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining it, maximum use will be made of it.

(ii) Since ground itself is seldom of importance in this type of offensive op, comds will give full consideration to the advantages of withdrawing temporarily to allow the MPI to be placed on target.

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(iii) Once enemy has been located and registered he should be given no respite from arty fire, except such pauses as are necessary to prevent him deducing that a pause indicates an assault.

(c) There is NO restriction on amn unless notified to comds concerned.

(d) 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will be prepared for one tp from KARAWOP coast def guns to move to BOGIM HARBOUR area for coast def when notified by this HQ that fwd mov is practicable.

10. RAE

(a) Pl 2/1 Aust Fd Coy placed in sp of second and third phazes is allotted for close co-operation with tks and mine clearing. This det may be increased as considered necessary by comd 2/1 Aust Fd Coy. It is expected that a hy bulldozer can be included.

(b) Task of 2/1 Aust Fd Coy is

(i) Put a trafficable MT route fwd to BOGIM HARBOUR as soon as possible.

(ii) Extend route to HAWAIN River.

(iii) Provide assault eqpt at HAWAIN River.

(iv) Br HAWAIN River.

(v) Est WPs.

(c) RAE 6 Aust Div is to assist as arranged by CRE.

11. Navy

RAN ships may be made available bombardment targets on coast fwd of tps. Requests submitted this HQ.

12. Air

(a) RAAF Air Sp Party will be stationed at Bde HQ.

(b) No opportunity for effective air bombardment will be neglected.

(c) It is expected that more and heavier strikes will be available than in the past.

(d) To permit best allocation of resources requests will be submitted as early as practicable.

ADM

13. Adm Instrs will be issued separately.

INTERCOMN

14. HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde remains present location.

ACK.

Issued by hand. to DRLS.

Signed at 241330K.

T J Schmedje Maj

(T J SCHMEDJE)
BM 16 Aust Inf Bde

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DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	3
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	4
2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn	5
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	6
2/1 Aust Fd Coy	7
2/25 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8
2/1 Aust Fd Amb	9
110 Aust Bde Wksp	10
RAAF Air Sp Party	11
19 Aust Inf Bde	12
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SUNRAY

FOO Bn Hq 9
A Coy 9 2 day lonight
B Coy 9

Bearers HQ 1 - 36 / 2

Engrs. 45 1 day lonight

27
45
37
109 on native strength

Jeeps & trailers

Reconnaissance
CO 1
Sig 2
HQ & Int
RAP 1
mont 1
mtg 2
3" M. 1

natives. ~~83~~ 90

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Appx 30
2517/15K

From 2/2 inf bn

To A B C D HQ Coys Bn HQ QM IO RMO RSM Sig offr

For Infm
52 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt
16 Inf Bde

0214 SECRET (.) ref map DAGUA EAST 1 in to 1 mile (.) first (.) 2/2 inf bb less Rear HQ and B Ech will move to 111227 on 26 Apr 45 (.) second (.) Coy Comds and runners will RV this HQ 260810K to Recce new area (.) TO will supply 4 jeeps (.) third (.) order of march (.) B Coy Bn HQ A Coy C Coy D Coy RAP HQ Coy (.) ST 260830K (.) SP 080239 (.) dress jungle order (.) normal scale weapons tools and amn (.) two day rations on man (.) all available toggle ropes (.) fourth (.) coy cooking gear etc will be returned to QM by 260800K (.) fifth (.) specialist weapons (.) 2 3" mort 4 MMG 2 flame throwers will be taken fwd (.) normal scale amn with gun (.) these weapons will be dumped B Ech for movement forward (.) remaining weapons incl Tk A guns will remain B Echelon (.) one storeman from each spec pl will remain with stores (.) sixth (.) minimum stores will be taken fwd (.) stores to be moved fwd will be dumped in suitable areas near rd by 260830K unless otherwise directed (.) seventh (.) SAA (.) Mort 3" 100 HE 20 smoke 12 belts MMG 4000 SA 2000 9mm 200 gren 4 sec all available 77 gren will be taken (.) eighth (.) move of stores (.) if rd open jeep otherwise jeep to truck head at WISLING thence native carriers (.) details will be advised when known (.) ninth (.) Bn HQ closes present loc 260830K reopens in column same time.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER IMPORTANT

Capt

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Copy Sig Pack on 0745

Wrecker Crew on scene

Kerosene - Lane Rice

Appx 34

Patrol Report.

Map Ref BUT EAST Sector

Date ~~22 Apr~~ 28 APR.

(A) ORDERS To clear area of enemy: Fighting and Recce.

1 Task:

(ii) Str of Patrol 1 WO. 14 ORs.

(iii) Time Out 280830K

(iv) Time In. 281130K

(v) Route Out & In. From base at 172205 SE to RIV benolat 275298 thence WEST to track at 153200 thence NE to NAUGIB. Return to base via coast rd.

Report

Patrol encountered difficult going in isac, isac swamp area 273201. Much fallen timber, undergrowth and boggy ground; mud varing in depth from 4" to 3'6". Prevelent thorn vines and bushes. Many deep muddy pools. Native footprints, about 3 days old at ref 273202. Deep muddy creek D6' W15' approx, barred patrol to progress further SOUTH. This creek ran in general lines from ref 168202. Patrol followed creek in W direction, finding going extremely difficult, ground boggy and dense thorny undergrowth. In several places leading scout sank up to armpits in quagmires. Overgrown native garden at 160202. Kunai and sec. growth in area. From 168202 creek turned NORTH towards NAUGIB and at 160203 WEST in parallel line with coast ROAD. Patrol found this creek unfordable owing to depth and boggy nature. Patrol returned to base via COAST Rd from NAUGIB to Base.

Anti Malarial Precaution Certificate.

I hereby certify that all malarial precautions as laid down by me have been observed with the exception of:

Nil.

Patrol Log

Ref Map - SP.	Bearing	Time	est distance	Topo	Remarks

Appx 35

PATROL REPORT

Map Ref. Sector Date 28th 12 hrs.

BUT EAST.

(A) ORDERS

I. TASK: To clear area of enemy.

Lt NORRISH.

II. Str of Patrol: 1 Offr. 27 O.R's. MG Pl.

III. Time OUT: 0830

IV. Time IN: 1815

V. Route Out & IN: S.E. along ck PARORI to ck and ck junc at 173174. thence follow ck HAWAIN RIVER., also

Route in Along River to COAST Rd thence to base.

(B) REPORT

From PAROM ck ck to HAWAIN RIVER well used, many foot tracks branching off it, to heads freshly cut SAC SAC. At 174176 SAC SAC still found which appeared to have been used only that morning, also old 44 U.S. with bodies of 5 Japs, appeared to have been dead several days. At 175177 Jap encampment area, several large huts and 1 small enquie, apparently used for SICK SICK Mess. Some area 4 Altar tracks, containing fresh burned foods. The patrol killed 5 Japs per day. Own Cas. Nil. 1 Jap killed at 172179, 4 Japs seen at 175177, 2 killed 2 escaped, but they were later killed at 180179.

ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTION CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that all malarial precautions as laid down by Unit have been observed with the exception of:

DATE

Signature

Pl Comd

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PATROL LOG

SP Ref Map	Bearing	Times	Est Distances	Terrain and Topographical	Remarks

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Appx 36

Subject: ANALYSIS OF EVACUATIONS - 23 MAR 45 - 28 APR 45

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 376/26/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, RMO, QM, War Diary (2)

Copy: 16 Aust Inf Bde
2/1 Aust Fd Amb

The following analysis of notified medical evacuations, caused by the diseases specified, during the above period plus total battle casualties is shown for your information:-

Sub Unit	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	HQ Coy	Bn HQ	Total
Strength 28 Apr 45	48	75	65	43	173	38	442
Malaria	16	24	9	28	42	6	125
Skin Diseases	14	1	13	10	9		47
Accidental Casualties		1	4	2	1		8
Scrub Typhus	1	2	1		2	1	7
Battle Casualties incl KIA	40	27	20	24	7		118
Total	71	55	47	64	61	7	305

H McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

4 May 45

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: ANALYSIS OF EVACUATIONS -
25 MAR 45 - 28 APR 45

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 376/26/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, RMO, QM, War Diary (2)

Copy: 16 Aust Inf Bde
2/1 Aust Fd Amb

The following analysis of notified medical evacuations, caused by the diseases specified, during the above period plus total battle casualties is shown for your information:-

Sub Unit	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	HQ Coy	Bn HQ	Total
Strength 28 Apr 45	145	176	85	143	175	38	442
Malaria	16	24	9	28	42	6	125
Skin Diseases	14	1	13	10	9		47
Accidental Casualties		1	4	2	1		8
Scrub Typhus	1	2	1		3	1	7
Battle Casualties Incl KIA	40	27	20	24	7		118
Total	71	55	47	64	61	7	305

4 May 45

(H C McCANNON)
Maj, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Capt

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Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

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Mag North
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Approx mean decl 1944
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NANU | MAPRIK | WEWAK

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1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers
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NOTE: OFFICERS USING THIS MAP WILL MARK HEREON CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS WHICH COME TO THEIR ATTENTION AND MAIL DIRECT TO "THE CHIEF ENGINEER, GHQ, SWPA."

LEGEND
Road. I Track. M. T.
Jeep Road
Trail
Trail Probable
Village
Huts
Shallow or Drying Reef
Sago swamp
Streams, intermittent
Swamp
Forest
Secondary Growth
Plantations
Native gardens
Sand

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM
A. Reliable - from good quality vertical photography
C. Sketchy - from oblique photography
D. Fairly reliable - from Anglo Persian Oil Co. Maps

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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
N.E.I. EQUATORIAL ZONE
Origin of grid: Lat Equator - Long 110°E. whose coordinates are X = 3,900,000 M and Y = 900,000 M.
To give the coordinates of a point use only larger figures on the grid lines, and add estimated tenths of kilometers.
The small numbers at the corners are the full coordinates referred to the origin of the grid zone.
Nearest similar reference on this grid is 500 km distant.
ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on this grid.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

19/25 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/11/1945. 2/2 and 2/6 (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/?. OFFRS. 2? O.R's. 469 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 2? ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		1	Majors					
	4		5	Captains	AAMC	1			
	1		19	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	7		26			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		27									27
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX128194	Lt	Rennie Jas.	—	28/11/45	R.T.U. ex 2/1 mds
NX167518		Brown K.R.		28/11/45	R.T.U. ex 2/11 Fd Regt
VX21517		Robertson R.W.	Taken on strength	28/11/45	Posting Order No 29/45
QX8505		Muller S.J.	from Base Depot	28/11/45	do
VX21518		Webb S.G.	(2/)	28/11/45	do
NX21547		Donoghue T.J.	do	28/11/45	do

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
~~NX128194~~	~~Lt~~	~~Rennie Jas.~~	—	~~28/11/45~~	
VX117105 NX170678	Lt	Keeley Cameron A.H. K.R.	NG School Ships	28/11/45	Base x/ mds Student
QX11661		Ferguson K	—	28/11/45	Base x/ mds
NX70971		Fowles J.	—	28/11/45	do

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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s/s Amst Det Km ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/11/44/194.5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	NX22906	Cameron	A.G.	C.O	Yes		
Major 2IC	QX3702	Gilmore	K.S.	Coy Comdr	Yes		
W/M Capt	NX12177	Derbyshire	C.M.	a/o	Yes		
	VX15785	Stevenson	C.W.	a/o	Yes		
	VX100097	Bluer	A.H.	a/o	Yes		
	NX3588	McCammon	H.G.	Coy	Yes		
	NX10515	Hodge	C.H.	Adj.	Yes		
Lt	NX3794	Emerson	K.C.		Yes		
	NX5999	Bakes	A.E.S.	Coy s/s	Yes		
	NX70770	Hall	L.J.	Pnr(L)	Yes		
	NX8726	Thomas	R.R.	Pl Comd	No	Comf + AKL.	28/11/45
	NX5903	Pank	C.R.	a/o	Yes		
	NX33765	Eames	T.N.	a/o	Yes		
	NX10516	Jarvis	[illegible]	a/o	Yes		
	NX36792	Kay	R.	a/o	Yes		
	NX5559	Rohrlach	S.K.	a/o	Yes		
	VX33693	Dennis	P.E.	a/o	Yes		
	NX10897	Payne	L.C.	a/o	Yes		
	NX31867	Richardson	G.A.	T.O	Yes		
	NX5[illegible]3	Pennage	Cpl	Sig Sect	Yes		
	NX3[illegible]6	Rowell	[illegible]	Pl Comd	Yes		
	NX10718	Brown	C.R.K.	a/o	Yes		
	VX10517	Robertson	R.M.	a/o	Yes		
	QX10505	Muller	[illegible]	a/o	Yes		
	VX[illegible]5	White	S.G.	a/o	Yes		
	NX[illegible]97	Donoghue	[illegible]	a/o	Yes		
Capt	NX10856	McLennan	J.H.	Pnr	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	NX16[illegible]5	Cameron D.A.	HQ 17 Bde	1 Oct 45	Detail Off.
Chaplain	QX37680	Aleorn I.W.	attached	[illegible]	
Mr	NX[illegible]03	Jones C.L.	Salvage	2 Nov 45	Platoon Interpr Rel.

28 Nov 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/11/1945. Headquarters (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2. OFFRS. 22 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 12 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
N/R.	10		14	Sergeants 9	1 1 1 4	7		2	N R
N/R	14		15	Corporals 8	1 1 1 3	6		2	N R
	191		387	Troopers, Privates, etc. 14	1 10	11		3	N R
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	206	1	446 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		25 *		7	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		491						[redacted]	[redacted]		491
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	Salvage		
4	4 Fd Regt.		
2	4 Fd Regt		
1	4 Fd Regt		
1	Advd Depot Med Stores.		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 RO		
1	LHQ School Staff		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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Hdqrs 2/3 A.A.A. Gp R
.....Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28/7/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

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28 July 45
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

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2/2 AUST INF BN

APPENDIX "A"
DATE 28 Apr 45

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required X
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1		1		NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		N R
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	22	13	9		NR
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	5	1		NR
"	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	2			
" "	Pte	3		1		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Cpl	1		1		NR
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
R S M	WOI	1	2		1	
C S M	WOII	5	5			
RQMS	WOII	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	18	7		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	25	15		NR
" "	Pte	361	115	246		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Dpl	5	4	1		NR
" "	Pte	68	63	5		NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	1	3		NR
"	Pte	26	25	1		NR
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1		
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	16			
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" " "	Pte	15	12		3	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL -		769	466	308	5	

NOTE: TO II - Mech 1
Stonemason 1
TOIII Stevedore 1
Dvr Mech 15
Gunlayer 1
19 NOT provided for in WE : shown in LMG, MMG, Mortars and Pioneers.

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

	lank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendatic as to suitable posting.
NX1259	VOI	GYE H C	38	A1	RSM		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE SECRET

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Copy No 16.

2/2 AUST INF BN OO No 2

Ref maps:- DAGUA EAST 1 in to 1 mile
KAIRIRU WEST 1 in to 1 mile
MAPRICK EAST 1 in to 1 mile
WEWAK WEST 1 in to 1 mile

INFM

1. Enemy

As per 6 Aust Div Int Summaries and 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Revsits.

2. Own Tps

(a) 19 Aust Inf Bde is to conc in the area BOIKEN PTN with the following tasks:-

(i) Destroy enemy at CAPE WOM - YARABOS W2410 crossing br head by this bn over HAWAIN RIVER.
(ii) Clear RANIMBOA W1612.
(iii) Cut the tracks SOUTH of WIRUI MISSION W3204.
(iv) Destroy enemy in area WEWAK PT - CAPE MOEM.

(b) 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt less 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn is to land with attached tps in DOVE BAY at a date to be notified.

(c) 2/3 Aust MG Bn with under comd one tp 2/3 Aust Fd Regt to continue protection BUT DAGUA area.

(d) Tps Reverting from comd:-

All attached tps revert to own comd.

3. Navy

WEWAK Force RAN is supporting the ops of 6 Aust Div by coastal bombardment and barge sweeps.

4. Air

71 R/B Wing RAAF and CRTC are continuing to sp ops 6 Aust Div.

5. Bde Area of Responsibility

All incl mouth HAWAIN RIVER - WEST BANK HAWAIN RIVER - track W173160 to river crossing - PARINGA RIVER - RANIMBOA W1612 - NUMIKIM W1314 - thence NORTH to 15 northing grid - WEST to OO Grid - NORTH to Coast.

6. (a) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn will

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6. (a) (i) Prevent any enemy penetration NORTH through line of high ground from 000215 - KWANGEN - KUMUDU - feature 082213 EAST to inter bn bdy.
(ii) Carry out coastal def KARAWOP area.
(iii) Patrol fwd to line of bde responsibility.

(b) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn will :

(i) Prevent any penetration through the line of high ground feature 1800 - feature 125195 - feature 147188;
(ii) Carry out coastal def within area allotted;
(iii) Patrol fwd to line of bde responsibility.

(c) Two tps 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt will be disposed in coastal area.

INTENTION

7. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will def the coastal area from incl mouth of HAWAIN RIVER to creek at 146205.

METHOD

8. Areas of responsibility

(a) A Coy

(i) From ck mouth at 147205 to excl NAUGIB - SOUTH to 20 horizontal grid - EAST to Ck at 145200.

(ii) Tasks

i. Coastal def of area allotted;
ii. Patrolling within area of responsibility.

(b) C Coy

(i) From 165206 - EAST along coast to HAWAIN river SOUTH to 16 horizontal grid thence WEST 165150 thence NORTH to coast.

(ii) Tasks

i. Coastal def of area allotted.
ii. Prevent enemy penetrations WEST of HAWAIN river or NORTH of 160 grid.
iii. Patrol within area of responsibility.
iv. Remain present location until capture of RANIMBUA.

(c) D Coy with under comd two dets mortars

(i) NUMIKIN NORTH to HAWAIN RIVER - down stream along river to 173153 thence SOUTH along track to PARINGA RIVER thence along the line of PARINGA RIVER to RANIMBOA.

(ii) Tasks

i. Relieve 2/8 Aust Inf Bn at RANIMBOA W1612 when captured. Time of taking over responsibility of RANIMBOA will be notified by this HQ;

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8. ii. Prevent enemy penetration WEST of PARINGA RIVER and NORTH line NUMIKEN - RANIMBOA;
iii. Local def RANIMBOA;
iv. Patrol area of responsibility.

(d) HQ Coy less four dets mortars:-

(i) From incl NAUGIB - EAST along coast to 165206 - SOUTH to the 20 horizontal grid - WEST to 159200 - thence NORTH tocoast.

(ii) Tasks

(i) Coastal def of area allotted.
(ii) Local patrolling within area of responsibility.

9. Res

B Coy

(i) based initially on PAROM will be responsible for local patrolling to 800 feature and SOUTH to NUMBARI.

(ii) Probable Role

Form portion of bde reserve.

10. Arty

In sp one tp 2/2 Aust Fd Regt sited in area KARAWOP until relieved by one bty less one tp of 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

11. MMG

(a) (i) One sec sited general area WELUBI.
(ii) One sec sited general area HAWAIN.

(b) Tasks - coastal def, fire to be co-ordinated with A & C Coys by OC HQ Coy.

12. Mortars

(a) Two dets under comd 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt.
(b) On capture RANAMBOA two dets under comd D Coy.
(c) 4 dets sited HQ Coy area, with special ref to coast def.

13. Tk A

(a) Guns will be disposed for coastal def throughout bn sector.
(b) Tasks will be coordinated by OC HQ Coy in conjunction with 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt.

14. Pionrs

Revert comd HQ Coy on date to be notified.

15. Bomb and Mine Disposal

(a) Coys will approach nearest engr det re disposal UXBs and mines, When found will be roped off, clearly marked and a sentry posted at any pt where vehicular traffic is endangered.

(b) This HQ will be notified immediately when any mines located.

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ADM

16. Move - D Coy

QM will arrange to move D Coy packs, coy stores and reserve amn by jeep to jeep head on RANIMBOA track thence by native carrier to RANIMBOA.

17. B Ech

B Ech remain present area.

18. Medical

(a) RAP remains present location.

(b) Evacuations to MDS 2/1 Aust Fd Amb, KARAWOP.

(c) All clothing and equipment of D Coy personnel will be treated with Anti Mite fluid prior to movement from present area.

19. S.A.A.

SAA reserve location-HAWAIN.

INTERCOM

20. Bn HQ

Remain present area HAWAIN.

21. Sigs

(a) Line to be laid all coys.

(b) Sig Offr will establish 108 intercept set with B Coy to link with D Coy.

(c) Otherwise normal.

Ack.

Issued by

Signed at 02/615 K

H McCammon
Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:-	Copy No		Copy No
A Coy	1	RMO	11
B Coy	2	RSM	12
C Coy	3	16 Aust Inf Bde	13
D Coy	4	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	14
HQ Coy	5	2/1 Aust Fd Regt	15
Bn HQ	6	War Diary	16-17
CO	7	File	18
QM	8		
Sig Offr	9		
IO	10		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO
2/2 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER NO 20 APPENDIX B
OF 25 SEP 44

Para 7 becomes para 7 (a) then add :-

(b) At Cinema Entertainments, Boxing Tournaments, Concert Parties or any other form of entertainment held at night, the sub-unit in whose area the function is being conducted must make the following arrangements.

(i) Entertainment will cease for ten minutes half way through the performance.
(ii) Arrangements will be made that all personnel must apply MARY.
(iii) Duty Officers will be appointed and they will be responsible to check and ensure that personnel do apply MARY.
(iv) Personnel found not in possession of MARY will be dealt with in accordance with para 7 (c) below and in addition will be ordered to leave the performance.

(c) All personnel will at all times carry one bottle of MARY between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs when not under cover of mosquito net. Arrangements will be made to carry out frequent inspections to ensure that members are carrying MARY, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

2 May 45

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Bn HQ
RMO
QM
War Diary (2)
File

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../19 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 May /...../194 5. 1st Tank Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 2 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
N/R.	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
N/R	8		24	Sergeants 9	1 1 3	5		4	N/R
N/R	21		46	Corporals 8	1 1 1 2	5		3	N/R
	287		375	Troopers, Privates, etc. 14	10	10		4	N/R
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	311 / 288	1	456 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		21 *		11	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		477						[redacted]	[redacted]		477
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	Salvage		
?	1st A.D.U.		
?	1st L.A.D.		
2	Reinforcements Ex Hughes.		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 K.O.		
1	L.A.D. School of Mt.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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H/s and Ln/Rn ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5/May/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

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5 May 45
Date of Despatch

Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 May /...../194 5. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2. OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		1	Majors				1	
	4		5	Captains	A.A.M.C.				
			20	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	6		27					1	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		27									27
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX[illegible]4	Lt	Clarke AR	—	28 Apr.	RTU ex 2/11 Bn AIF
QX[illegible]61		Ferguson K	—	1 May	RTU ex 2/1 MDS

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX70770	Lt	Hart KJ		1 May	Sick to 2/1 MDS.
VX60859	Capt	McLennan HH (Commcatt)	30	Apr	as

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / May / 194[illegible] (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	VX44906	Cameron	AG	Co	Yes		
Maj	QX3704	Calnane	JCS	Coy Comd	Yes		
Capt	NX14177	Derbyshire	[illegible]	as	Yes		
Lt Adjt	VX14765	Stevenson	CM	as	Yes		
	VX100097	Oliver	AH	as	Yes		
	NX34968	McCammon	HG	Adjt	Yes		
	NX60541	Hodge	CH	Qtr	Yes		
Lt	NX37954	Bowdenville	RC		Yes		
	NX8499	Baker	GES	Coy 2/i/c	Yes		
	VX14921	Clarke	JK		Yes		
	NX8739	Thomas	RR		No	Comd. 7th Fd Coy	26/4/45
	NX8944	Pauly	EH	RQMS	Yes		
	NX17817	Horne	[illegible]	as	Yes		
	NX68765	Eames	FH	as	Yes		
	NX105159	Jarvis	[illegible]	as	Yes		
	NX36794	Ley	GL	as	Yes		
	QX27661	Ferguson	K	as	Yes		
	NX58359	Norbish	DK	as	Yes		
	VX27598	Beare	PC	as	Yes		
	NX108936	Pain	JC	as	Yes		
	NX101667	Richardson	LH	T.O.	Yes		
	NX167518	Brown	RR	RQMS	Yes		
	NX8472	Pennegel	ANO	Cpl Adjt	Yes		
	VX14517	Robertson	RM	RQMS	Yes		
	QX19505	Mullen	SJ	as	Yes		
	VX14518	Whittle	SG	as	Yes		
	NX14597	Monaghan	TJ	as	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX167211	Cameron DA	2/17 Bn	18/4/45	Dental Off
Chaplain	QX27660	Allcorn IW	ATTCHD	Pending Jn	
Lt	52/Pot	Jones GL	Gallipoli	30/Apr/45	Platoon Instr Coy

5 May 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Comd 7th Aust Inf Bde

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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2/3 AUST INF BN

APPENDIX "A"
DATE

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required X
TRADE GROUP I						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1		1		NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	22	15	7		NR
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	7		1	
"	Pte	4	2	2		NR
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Cpl	1		1		NR
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
R S M	WOI	1	2		1	
C S M	WOII	5	5			
RQMS	WOII	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	3	2		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	20	5		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1		1		NR
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	21	15		NR
" "	Pte	361	113	248		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	18	2		
Mortar Nos	Dpl	5	4	1		NR
" "	Pte	68	65	3		NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	28	13	15		
Regtl Police	Sjt	1		1		NR
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" " "	Pte	15	12	3		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL -		769	456	316	3	

NOTE: TO II Mech MT 1
Stonemason 1
TOIII ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~
Dvr Mech 15
Gunlayer 1
18

NOT provided for in WE : shown Mortars and Pioneers.

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendation as to suitable posting
NX1259	WOI	GYE H C	38	A1	RSM		

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: LOCATION OF GRAVES - DECEASED INDIAN ARMY PERSONNEL

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 384/27/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, IO.

HQ 6 Aust Div A4480 of 1 May 45 is quoted hereunder for information of all addressees:-

" Evidence gained from Indians who escaped from the Japanese in the WEWAK area indicates that in many cases Indians have been buried adjacent to Japanese cemeteries, the Japanese graves being marked and the Indians' graves unmarked.

2. Every possible effort will be made at a later date to discover and identify these deceased Indian personnel.

3. For this reason, unit Commanders will ensure that on no account are the Japanese cemeteries and graves interfered with in any way. By this means Indian bodies may ultimately be identified and thus restrict the inquiries which would have to be made. This matter will be brought to the notice of all troops. "

Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

6 May 45

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Notification of Decease

2/12 BATTALION
File 37
5 MAY 1945
A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE — CONFIDENTIAL

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Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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2/12 BATTALION
File
5 MAY 1945
A.I.F.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 6 DIV

TO: List "B"

Date-Time of Origin
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QG987 RESTRICTED (.) owing to difficulty in controlling issues and checking on entitlement no beer will be issued in AITAPE area to personnel discharge d from hospital (.) rear details will only dra w for personnel remaining in the area for guarding stores or LOB (.) reception camp may draw beer for personnel awaiting movement discharge or reposting only on production of certificate from the soldier's unit stating his entitlement

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2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Forwarded for information and necessary action.

Capt
S C 16 Aust Inf Bde

4 May 45.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

2/2 AUST INF BN OPERATION REPORT

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

15 APR 45 - 28 APR 45

The period covered in this report is from 15 Apr 45 to 28 Apr 45. During which time the advance and crossing of HAWAIN RIVER was completed, in addition to platoon patrols one coy patrol cleared the area KWANGEN - OLD KUMUDU and HARIMBOIA.

2. PART 1 - RECORD OF EVENTS

DAGUA to KARAWOP

15 Apr — 2/1 Aust Inf Bn passed through with the object of clearing and occupying KARAWOP, preparatory to 16 Aust Inf Bde moving in.
16 Apr — Bn given task of clearing OLD KUMUDU.
17 Apr — OLIVER force moved out on patrol.
18 Apr — 0920 hrs OLIVER force patrolled to OLD KUMUDU killing 4 Japs.
1440 hrs Patrol cleared HARIMBOIA 041203 killing 1 Jap.
Own casualties 1 killed. Enemy fled from both positions.
20 Apr — 16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order issued re move to KARAWOP.
24 Apr — 0730 hrs Bn moved to KARAWOP.
Bde O O for advance HAWAIN RIVER received.
25 Apr — Warning order issued move to BOIKEN.

KARAWOP TO HAWAIN RIVER

26 Apr — 0830 hrs Bn less Rear Bn HQ, RAP and B Ech moved to BOIKEN, preparatory to taking over advance from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
1630 hrs Bn mortared. One wounded.
1700 hrs C.O. called for Tac R first light 27 Apr.
1705 hrs A.P. Mine exploded HQ Coy area. Own casualties one killed.
27 Apr — 0645 hrs Bn moved. Order of advance. D Coy, one tp tanks, Det engrs, Bn HQ, C Coy, RAE equip on wheels, B Coy, RAP and bearers, one tp tanks, 2 Secs RAE.
0830 hrs D Coy having passed through forward elements 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at KALIMBOA with one tp tanks in support, took over the advance
0910 hrs Forward elemts reach HAWAIN RIVER. NMS. Engrs Recce river crossing mouth of river. Sand bar 100x long, 30x of water, depth 4'. One 37mm gun observed EAST bank, neutralised by tanks.
0915 hrs Selected crossing 70x SOUTH of river mouth. Depth 7'.
1010 hrs C Coy crossed river in assault boats.
1st Wave - 15 Pl, Coy Comd Group, Tanks L.O.
2nd " - 14 Pl
3rd " - 13 Pl and Coy HQ and FOO.
C Coy consolidated EAST bank.
Tanks ~~L.O. brought tank~~ fire on left of tps along coastal road to clear any enemy opposition.
Crossing unopposed.
1315 hrs Standing patrol established 188202. 1 Jap killed. Signs of approx 25 others having fled.
During advance to HAWAIN RIVER, B Coy swung right at 0845 hrs along PAROM tk, occupying PAROM 1200 hrs killing 5 Japs on the outskirts.
B Coy established standing patrol 800' feature 146189 at 1630 hrs, killing 5 Japs in garden 200x WEST of feature.
Bn established as follows:- Bn HQ HAWAIN, C Coy EAST bank HAWAIN River, D Coy WEST bank HAWAIN River, HQ Coy less Pnrs NAUGIB, A Coy and B EchWELUBI, B Coy PAROM, Pionrs 800 feature at 147188.
28 Apr — 0700 MT bridge completed over HAWAIN RIVER.
Local patrolling SOUTH of bridgehead reports both banks of river very swampy. 5 Japs killed.

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3. PART II - LESSONS LEARNT FROM OPERATIONS

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4. PART III - EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS

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5. GENERAL - Casualties 27 Feb - 28 Apr 45.

Total Own Casualties:

KIA	30
DOW	7
WIA	82
WIA remained on duty.	10

Total Enemy killed	291
POW	6

Lt-col
(A G CAMERON)
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

6 May 45

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16 Aust Inf Bde
War Diary (2)
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: CONGRATULATIONS FROM GOC
6 AUST DIV

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 390/18/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, QM, RMO,
Sig Offr, War Diary (2).

The following is a copy of a remo conveying congratulations received by Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde from Maj Gen J E STEVENS GOC 6 Aust Div and forwarded for information and promulgation to all ranks who participated in the ops.

"I send to you and your Brigade Group my sincere thanks for the grand work you have done during the past three months. Your rapid drive along the coast from ABAU to the HAWAIN RIVER was a splendid achievement, carried out courageously and efficiently. The successful completion of that task makes it possible now to secure our final objective, WEWAK, in the very near future, thus denying the enemy his last physical contact with the outside world.

2. You and all ranks under your command can look with great pride of your share in the operations of 6 Australian Division against the Japanese in the AITAPE - WEWAK area."

H McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

8 May 45

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: 16 AUST INF BDE X LIST PERSONNEL

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 391/18/45

16 Aust Inf Bde

Reference 16 Aust Inf Bde 488/45 of 7 May 45.

2. The following 16 Aust Inf Bde personnel are at 6 Aust Div Rec Camp BUT and are being employed by the Beachmaster, Lt-col G BLEEBY 2/3 Aust Fd Regt, for the purpose of unloading barges:-

(a) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NX 47669	L cpl	MILTON F E
NX 154351	L cpl	BULLEN F J
NX 40232	Pte	WOOD W J
NX 41527	"	BYRNE J A
NX 138001	"	ANDERSON J R
NX 95707	"	SINGLETON J
NX 112154	"	BRADBURYC M
QX 38532	"	BAINBRIDGE R
NX 120329	"	LOCKWOOD G
NX 129728	L cpl	CAMPBELL F
NX 130693	Cpl	ELKES C J
NX 147094	Cpl	MATTHEWS R
NX 68640	Pte	POWER P T
QX 59648	"	OGDEN S R
QX 44229	"	McPHERSON R W
NX 117961	"	KEAST G
VX 141184	"	ROWET A
NX 111551	"	DOWD A
VX 71507	"	BURNS J
NX 52827	"	ALLEN E A
NX 144986	"	RYAN J
NX 131437	Cpl	MURRAY W E

(b) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

QX 9917	Cpl	O'CONNOR M	Discharged 104 CCS 5 Ma
NX 124164	"	PEZET L E	" " 6 Ma
NX 187086	Pte	THOMAS E J	" " 6 Ma
NX 122748	"	HALL J	" " 6 Ma
VX 68765	"	AINSWORTH S W	" " 6 Ma
NX 38529	"	O'NEIL R	" " 6 Ma
NX 119657	"	HUDSON M H	" " 6 Ma
NX 5719	"	LOGAN G G	" " 6 Ma
QX 39188	"	JURD R E	" " 7 Ma
NX 72786	L cpl	RUDD J R	" " 7 Ma
NX 110036	Pte	PEARSON H	" " 8 Ma
NX 31117	"	McGREGOR J H	" " 8 Ma

(c) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

QX 41574	Cpl	HAWKINS A
NX 39310	Pte	BARKER H
NX 113240	L cpl	BURKE H S
NX 125069	Pte	DICKSON L
NX 79390	"	WYNDON C J
VX 24052	"	DENNISON G
NX 130372	"	VEAGLE R
	"	ALEXANDER
NX 72267	"	ROSS G D
NX 14251	Cpl	DAWSON D J
NX 122702	Pte	BATEUP J
NX 41687	"	ROUSE R B
NX 68960	"	ADAMS E W

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(c) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NX 153794	Pte	HOLDING D N
NX 15343	Sjt	ELLIOT J
NX 24186	Cpl	CURFETT
NX 91738	Pte	KHONAY P
TX 12282	"	MALKAN C D
NX 82440	"	CAMERON
NX 38690	L cpl	SPRAGG G S
NX 92720	Pte	FROST A P
NX 68736	"	GOULL A
QX 37046	"	STANDON J C
NX 121732	"	CALLAHAN K V

(d) HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

QX 24214	Sig	ARMSTRONG J
VX 13705	Cpl	MONOGHAN D L
QX 43145	Pte	BOYD W O
SX 23241	"	PAGE B A

3. In addition the undermentioned personnel marched in to this unit on 8 May 45 ex 6 Aust Div Rec Camp BUT, after being employed unloading barges for 3 days. In some instances they were employed at night. They worked until 080200K and at 080800K were told to find their own way back to this unit.

NX 141620	Pte	BYERS R E
NX 42366	"	JENKINS L V
NX 2402	Cpl	DWYER R W
NX 34383	Pte	MILLS J
NX 162424	"	ALEXANDER A A
NX 69011	"	SALTER G A
NX 68867	"	HILL A S
NX 21442	"	McLADY C G
NX 47716	"	MOTTLEY L C
NX 122405	"	BELL A C
QX 32136	"	DAY E R
NX 163786	"	HOOD A
NX 169	"	GALLI W J
NX 4397	"	MOFFAT N V
QX 51508	"	HENNINGSEN J

4. Cpl DWYER shown above, had his appendix removed on 29 Mar 45. He was employed at BUT for from 4 - 5 days unloading barges both by day and night. He was admitted to the RAP on arrival this unit.

5. The information shown in para 2 was obtained by Lt G COYLE who visited the 6 Aust Div Rec Camp on 8 May 45 to ascertain the position regarding this units X List personnel.

Lt-col
(A G CAMERON)
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

8 May 45

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

From: 2/2 inf bn

Date - Time of Origin

To : A B C D HQ Coys Bn HQ Sig Offr QM
TO RMO IO

090900K

0234 RESTRICTED (.) in view of increase in scrub typhus all instructions re removal of shirts are cancelled (.) in future shirts will be worn at all times except by those engaged in hard manual labour in open country between the hours of 0630 and 1730 or whilst sleeping (.) trousers boots and gaiters will be worn at all times except during sleeping hours (.) the practice of the wearing of shorts is to cease forthwith (.) detailed instructions to follow

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Date—Time of Origin: 100935K

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For Action

TO LIRO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR 69

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0437 Secret O 2/2 inf bn less one coy at 2 hrs notice on 10 may and complete bn at 2 hrs notice as from 11 may will be prepared to move areas CAPE WOM for relief units 19 inf bde O 2/3 inf bn will assume responsibility of 2/2 inf bns sector on 10 may O Inter bn body between 2/1 inf bn and 2/3 inf bn remains unchanged all infm

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Signed

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Signed

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: ENEMY AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 392/18/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, IO, QM.

This instruction deals with the guarding and disposal of captured enemy air force equipment and is in amplification of previous instructions.

2. Enemy air force equipment to be found may be crashed or captured aircraft, maintenance installations, name plates, fuselage or parts, parachutes, flying suits and caps, stencils on life saving equipment.

3. As soon as practicable after such equipment has been located, it will be recovered and stored in a safe place or a guard placed on it until RAAF can assume responsibility for disposal. Guards will be maintained until authority has been given for their removal.

4. Details of equipment captured will be forwarded without delay to this headquarters which will arrange for inspection by RAAF Technical Air Intelligence.

5. All troops will be advised that enemy air force equipment is often of value. They will be warned that souveniring is prohibited until an inspection has been made and the equipment released as being of no intelligence value and not required by RAAF salvage.

6. This instruction will be promulgated without delay as it is expected that much equipment will be found on or in the vicinity of the WEWAK and BORAM strips.

10 May 45

a. Permezel Lt
Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)

Originator: 16 Bde

Date—Time of Origin: 081500K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO 2/1 Bn 2/2 Bn 2/3 Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0432 restricted ⊙ forwarded for infm is copy of 6 Div instruction re enemy air force equipment

BATTALION
18
9 MAY 1945

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Signed [signature]

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Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

Subject: ENEMY AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT

HQ 6 Aust Div

1/ May 45

Ref No: G1881

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for Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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In reply quote:
1/68/43

ADV HQ
43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY RAE (AIF)

18
26 MAY 1945
A.I.F.

CO
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

MORTAR CREWS on ALC in landing FARIDA FORCE

I wish to place on record the appreciation of all ranks of 43 A L C Coy, for the work of all ranks of the mortar dets from your Bn, attached for the operation.

The effectiveness of their fire left nothing to be desired. Their keenness and enthusiam was outstanding.

There is little doubt that in a bitterly contested landing, such fire would have turned the scales.

The number of rounds fired 770 represents a heavy concentration of fire on such a narrow sector. After the ranging shots every bomb landed on the target area. Mortar crews could not have done better.

That there were no casualties on the actual landing may well be due to the concentration of mortar fire during the time when craft and landing tps were most exposed.

It is the hope of this Coy, that in any future opposed landings, the same officer and crews will serve with us.

Copy of report on operation of mortar firing ALC 20 attached for inf.

G D Mitchell
Major
(G D MITCHELL)
OC 43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY RAE (AIF)

15 May 45

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1021548

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ADV HQ
43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY RAE (AIF)

Report on MORTAR FIRE from ALC 20 in close support of FARIDA FORCE Landing at Dove Bay east of WEWAK 11 May 45

TASK

Close support of First Assault Wave by covering mortar fire (Naval Operation Order for Operation "Deluge" dated 5 May 45)

CRAFT

Two ALC 20 AB1217 and 1220 manned by 43 Aust Landing Craft Coy.

MORTAR CREWS

On AB1217 two dets from Mortar Pl 2/3 Aust Inf Bn with Offr i/c, NX161541 Lieut H.J.A CARBIN.
On AB1220 two dets from Mortar Pl 2/2 Aust Inf Bn with Offr i/c, VX22598 Lieut P.C. BEENIE.

MORTAR MOUNTINGS

Two 3" Mortars were mounted on each ALC20 on mountings constructed by 2/8 Aust Fd Coy.
The Fd Coy has been asked to provide a plan showing the mounting and materials used. As soon as this comes to hand copies will be forwarded to recipients of this report.

PRACTICE SHOOTS

Three practice shoots were carried out on UNEI ISLAND, a small island 300 by 150 yards, the last shoot including rehearsals of the joint run in to the beach from 1500 to 200 yards.
The weather was fine and the sea calm with a slight swell.
The results were excellent, there being a good distribution of bombs on the target area.
As a result of the shoots the base plates were firmly embedded and in correct position for the operation.

METHOD

The two mortar firing ALC 20 were to proceed astern of HMAML 427, until Line of Departure 1500 yds from the beach was reached. On arrival there they were to spread 300 yards apart and approach to, within 1200 yards of the beach.
They were to open fire over the strafing MLs at H - 12 minutes or on completion of strafing by aircraft, whichever was the later.
The First Assault Wave were to pass through the 300 yards gap left by the two mortar firing ALC 20.
As the First Assault Wave came abreast the two mortar firing ALC 20 were to go in with the Wave on each flank giving supporting fire up to 200 yards from the beach.

ACTUAL OPERATION

The two mortar firing ALC 20 left Assembly Area at H - 70 behind HMAML 427. Visibility was fair, the sea calm, and light rain was falling.
As the Line of Departure was approached the rain eased and visibility improved.
The Line of Departure was crossed at H - 8 on a signal from HMAML 427.

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The two ALC 20 proceeded at slow speed to 1200 yards. As this point was reached the beach was clear of strafing MLs and aircraft and both mortar firing ALC 20 commenced ranging.

Ranging shots from both craft fell into the water. This was corrected quickly. The ALC 20s continued to move slow ahead as the First Assault Wave came up to them. The mortars were harrassing the beach and dune line.

As the First Assault Wave came abreast the two mortar firing ALC 20 moved forward with it on the flanks, maintaining rapid fire until within 200 yards of the beach.

Effective coverage was given on the beach area.

A total of 770 rounds was fired.

The mountings and base plate were still secure and firm on the conclusion of firing.

There was no return fire from the beach.

CONCLUSIONS

(a) ALC 20 are suitable craft for this type of task.

(b) The mounting used was satisfactory, except that it requires to be more strongly braced to the rear. It is suggested that any bracing be placed centrally in rear of each base plate.

(c) Coverage of the beach head area can be accurately effected.

(d) By this means close support can be provided until the last possible moment before the troops land.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 11

by

LT-COL A G CAMERON

COMMANDING 2/2 AUST INF BN

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
11 May 45

Sub No	Regimental Particulars Rank and Name			Particulars of casualties etc and Dates	
APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK					
66	NX109812	Pte	MOORE H B	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
67	VX106075	"	BUTTERICK W C	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
68	NX 71650	"	JURY B J	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
69	QX 54767	"	BRADEN G L	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
70	VX 68791	"	NIMMO R H	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
71	QX 29046	"	CRANE R W	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
72	NX119858	"	WILLIS C J	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
73	VX137836	"	BRABENDER K J	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
74	NX 42019	"	FALLSHAW T R	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
75	NX 673	"	LITCHFIELD C	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
76	NX107132	"	TOMS C C	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
77	NX115762	"	BETTS A G	Appointed L cpl (paid)	31.3.45
78	NX 2276	A Cpl	COTTERELL M J	Rank of Cpl confirmed	4.4.45
79	NX 11671	A Cpl	PALMER E C H	Rank of Cpl confirmed	11.4.45
80	NX 19635	Sjt	CARDLR W	Promoted A/WOII	6.4.45
81	NX200390	L cpl	ROWE P I	Appointed L cpl (paid)	10.4.45
82	NX 1387	L sjt	SMITHERS J H	Promoted A/Sjt	9.4.45
83	NX 58171	L cpl	NUTT W R	Promoted Cpl	9.4.45
84	NX 59453	L cpl	MILLER C G	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
85	NX125330	L cpl	GALLAGHER J P	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
86	NX 2245	L cpl	DICKSON E R	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
87	NX125331	L cpl	LARKIN J B	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
88	NX 899	L cpl	LESSLIE R E	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
89	NX 9749	Pte	MASON A E	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
90	NX 71979	L cpl	FERRY J	Promoted A/Cpl	9.4.45
91	NX 15264	A Sjt	MARTIN H A	Rank of Sjt confirmed	11.4.45
92	NX 1444	A Cpl	EDMONDS A V	Rank of Cpl confirmed	11.4.45
93	NX 57553	A cpl	WILLIS J E	Rank of Cpl confirmed	11.4.45

A Pennezel Lt
Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ Coy	D Coy
A Coy	Bn HQ
B Coy	War Diary (2)
C Coy	File

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PATROL REPORT - GUAP ISLAND 11 May 45

Ref map: BUT EAST 1 in to 1 mile.

Type of Patrol: Recce

Appx 14

Tasks

To carry out a recce of GUAP ISLAND and report on the following -

(a) Nature of terrain.

(b) Availability of fresh water.

(c) Details of reef; gaps etc.

(d) Suitability as a site for a con camp.

Strength 1 Offr 7 ORs

Time Out 110600K

Time In 111145K

Report

(a) GUAP is a normal coral atoll surrounded by a narrow white sand beach which is widest on the SOUTH which is most protected from weather.

To the NORTH and EAST the shores are rocky, often with no beach and reef running in onto the land.

Inland there is a marked change from the sandy beach area, with a rise of 8' to 10'; this is very evident in the village and mission area. The central portion is composed of partially decomposed coral and brown coral sand, clean and well drained, the northern section of the island is rough and relatively infertile.

Vegetation consists of garden areas about the villages, coconut plantation which is in good condition with low kunai between the trees, a large kunai patch in the centre of the island and a narrow strip of vines and secondary growth running along the NORTH and EAST coast. The 1" sheet is reasonably accurate in this respect.

(b) There was NO surface water evident in the areas traversed by the patrol. The Mission depended on a well with a hand pump for water. This pump is damaged and it could not be ascertained what water was in the well.

On the NORTH of the island about abandoned Japanese positions there were a number of shallow surface wells cut into the coral; these were approx 3' to 4' deep and had up to 2' of clear water in them. The Japs had certainly been using it for domestic purposes. This suggests that either the water table is close to the surface or there is sub-artesian water on the island. It was noted that the Japs also had rain-barrels under the eaves of huts.

(c) The entire island is surrounded by coral except for a short distance on EAST coast and the only approach is from the SOUTH where the water is deep to the edge of the beach which is fairly narrow 30' to 40' and shelves sharply. No soundings were taken but barges could easily operate, the best landing point being at W158237 (approx).

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(d) The island would make an excellent site for a con camp if the water problem could be satisfactorily overcame. The soil is well drained and once off the beach margin almost of the consistancy of heavy gravel. There is ample shade in the plantation and clearing would mainly consist of removing kunai. The native huts are in fair condition but have been occupied by Japs and are a harbour for vermin and mosquitoes. Anti-mite precautions would be necessary in kunai grass.

Remarks

(a) The island has NOT been occupied by the Japs for some time probably at least a month. However the withdrawal was obviously planned as there were NO documents and very little gear and no weapons in the area. With the exception of a mounting for a 20 mm gun no heavy weapons were found.

(b) All defensive positions were sited to the NORTH.

(c) When leaving the area the enemy destroyed nothing; paw paws are heavily laden with fruit as are the coconuts.

(d) The Japs had been using the coconuts extensively, in one area there was a pile of husks 8' high.

Jack Smiles Lt
(J SMILES)
IO 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
May 45

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

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2/2 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN No 30

Ref Map DAGUA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile
WEWAK WEST 1 inch to 1 mile

1. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will move to CAPE WOM area in three phases

(a) Stores and personnel by road.
(b) Stores mobile loaded, and personnel by ALC 40.
(c) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn by ALC40 less personnel in (a) and (b).

2. Recce Gp

(a) Recce Group comprising Coy Comds, Sig Offr. RQMS and 4 Bn runners will RV this HQ 130830K.

(b) TO will supply 3 jeeps to report this HQ 130825K, excluding COs jeep.

PHASE 1 - COY STORES AND PERSONNEL.

3. Coy stores and personnel shewn hereunder will move by rd to Cape WOM.

Coy	Stores	Veh Allotted	Pers with stores	Vehicles Report	S.P.	S.T.
Bn HQ	Sigs & Kitchen	1x2½	4 Sigs	131000K	HAWAIN	131100K
	Bn HQ & Int	1x2½	4 Ord Room	"	RIVER	"
	SAA	2x2½	4 RPs	"	"	"
			4 Sigs			
A Coy	Coy Stores	1x2½	4	"	"	"
B Coy	Coy Stores	1x2½	4	"	"	"
C Coy	Coy Stores	1x2½	4	"	"	"
D Coy	Coy Stores	1x2½	4	"	"	"
HQ Coy	Coy Stores					
	Spec Wpns	2x2½	18	"	"	"
Total		10x2½	40			

4. 10 vehs from 19 Aust Inf Bde will report this HQ 131000K, TO will be responsible to allot vehs as shewn above.

5. A Coy will supply one offr as CC Convoy.

6. Order of Move

D Coy
Bn HQ
SAA
B Coy
C Coy
HQ Coy
A Coy

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7. On arrival CAPE WOM stores will be unloaded in coy areas, and vehs will return 19 Aust Inf Bde.

PHASE 2 - STORES BY ALC40.

8. Loading Beach

FMC - NAUGIB

9. Embarkation Staff

(a) Beachmaster - Capt C H HODGE
Asst Beach Master - Lt A PERMEZEL
Orderlies - 3 supplied by HQ Coy

(b) Control staff will report NAUGIB beach 130900K.

(c) HQ Coy will supply 1 NCO and 10 OR to report Beachmaster 130900K.

10. Craft

4 ALC40s will arrive NAUGIB beach 130930K and will do two turnrounds. Estimated turnround NAUGIB - CAPE WOM - 4 hrs.

11. Stores and Personnel

(a) 10x2½ ton vehs will report QM 130830K from HQ 6 Aust Div and will be mobile loaded with B Echelon stores.

(b) Stores and personnel as shewn hereunder will be embarked:-

Craft Serial	Stores	Vehs	Guns	Pers	Report Assembly Area	Embark
1	Unit stores mobile	3x2½	1 Tk A	40 Bn HQ	130915K	As directed by Beach Master.
2	loaded	3x2½	1 Tk A	40 D Coy	130930K	
3	" "	3x2½	1 Tk A	16 D Coy 24 B Ech	130930K	
4	" "	1x2½	1 Tk A	60 C Coy	130945	

(c) Assembly areas will be allotted by beachmaster in vicinity beach.

(d) Tk A guns will be towed to beach by stores vehs.

12. Loading

Beachmaster will ensure craft are loaded as quickly as possible and sail immediately loaded.

13. Disembarkation and Unloading

(a) On arrival CAPE WOM, troops will be disembarked, assembled by coys in area off beach, where guides will direct them to new bn area.
(b) RQMS will, on unloading of vehs guide them to new B Echelon area. Vehs will remain B Echelon area.

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PHASE 3 - REMAINING PERSONNEL

14. Staff

Staff as for Phase 2.

15. Personnel

Coys will be called forward from coy areas by beachmaster when required.

16. Allotment to Craft

Craft Serial	Sub Unit	No Pers	Report Assembly area	Embark
1	B Coy	85	As called for by Beachmaster	As directed by Beachmaster
2	A Coy B Ech	57 23	NOT before 131400K	
3	HQ Coy	80		
4	HQ Coy	80		

17. Backloading of Craft

(a) 10x2½ ton vehs from 6 Aust Div will be backloaded on ALC 40 at CAPE WOM.

(b) RQMS will ensure vehs RV FMC CAPE WOM and are loaded on craft.

POINTS COMMON TO EACH PHASE

18. Dress Jungle Order.

19. Weapons and Amn Normal scale on man.

20. Rations

(a) Unexpired portion of days ration on man. Midday meal will be under coy arrangements.

(b) Coys will carry one days ration in bulk.

21. Water

(a) Water bottles will be carried filled.

(b) 3 ton water cart on loan will be returned to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn by 131300K.

22. Transport

(a) Unit trailers will be towed by stores vehs moving by r TO will arrange towing of trailers.

(b) 3 jeeps conveying recce party to CAPE WOM will not return this area.

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22. (c) 1 Jeep will report Beachmaster 130900K. On completion embarkation will convey Capt HODGE and party to new area.

(d) 1 Jeep will report this HQ 130900K.

(e) Remaining jeeps will move CAPE WOM by road, time to be notified, one jeep will be used to move rear sig centre.

(f) 2½ ton veh on loan this unit will be used as required by QM.

23. Medical

(a) RAP will move with HQ Coy.

(b) RMO will establish medical aid post on beach. Personnel manning this post will embark last barge.

24. Intercom

(a) Sigs

(i) Sig Offr will establish Adv Sig Centre on arrival CAPE WOM area.
(ii) Sig centre will not close until embarkation complete.
(iii) LT will be established to Beachmaster at NAUGIB.

(b) Bn HQ

(i) Adv Bn HQ will open on arrival new area.
(ii) Rear Bn HQ closes after embarkation complete.

25. Acknowledge.

Signed at 121015K

H McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

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A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
Bn HQ	6
CO	7
QM	8-9
IO	10
Sig Offr	11
RMO	12
RSM	13
16 Aust Inf Bde	14
19 Aust Inf Bde	15
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	16
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

/ 194 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 . (Unit)

W.E. / / . OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains	AAMC	1			
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
						1			

	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.											
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX60829	Capt	McLennan	HQ (AAMC AH)	5 May 45	R.T.U. ex 2/1 M.D.S.
NX13500	Lt	Coyle G.	—	6 May 45	to ex 10 Fd C.C.S.
NX79975		Smiles	—	9 May 45	to ex 2/1 M.D.S.
VX117105		Kelly		10 May 45	to ex 2/11 A.G.H.
NX11171	Capt	Watson G.C.	HQ Tactical Sch	10 May 45	Completion tour & duty as instructor

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194 .

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1st / May / 45 **(Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	VX[illegible]	Cameron	A.G.	CO	Yes		
Major	QX[illegible]	Gilmore	[illegible]	Conf.	Yes		
Capt	NX[illegible]	Watson	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Derbyshire	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Stevenson	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Somerville	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lt (Capt)	VX[illegible]	Oliver	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	McCammon	[illegible]	Adjt	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Hodge	[illegible]	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	NX[illegible]	Coy	[illegible]	Coy Lt.	Yes		
	WX[illegible]	Baker	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Kelly	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Clarke	[illegible]		Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Thomas	[illegible]		No	Compassionate Attached Base Staff	
	NX[illegible]	Earle	[illegible]	Attchd	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Norrie	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Eames	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Jarvis	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Ley	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	QX[illegible]	Ferguson	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	WX[illegible]	Norbish	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Beenie	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Knowles	[illegible]	I.O	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Pain	[illegible]	Attchd	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Rowan	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Richardson	[illegible]	T.O	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Semmens	[illegible]	Asst Adjt	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Robertson	[illegible]	Attchd	Yes		
	QX[illegible]	Muller	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	White	[illegible]	ao	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Donoghue	[illegible]	ao	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	NX[illegible]	Cameron	2/4 Fd Regt	[illegible]	Dental Off.
Chaplain	QX[illegible]	Aleon	1 Aust Hosp	[illegible]	
Mr	[illegible]	Jones	Sgt. Salvation Army	[illegible]	Philanthropic Rep

1st May 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

Comd 1st Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/Aug/1945 Headquarters (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2. OFFRS. 22 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
		1	2	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
NR	2		2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
NR	8		12	Sergeants 6	1 1 2	4		2	NR
NR	19		28	Corporals 8	1 1 2	5		2	NR
	267		291	Troopers, Privates, etc. 12	2	12		2	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	296	2	345 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		22*		10	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		497						[redacted]	[redacted]		497
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	Svc Corps.		
1	2/1 Ind. Div.		
3	2/4 Ind. Bde.		
2	Northern Area/Base Sig Sec		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	4 K.D.		
1	2/1 K. School of Mil.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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Hr and Sp/Lr ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/May/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

12 May 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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2/2 AUST INF BN

APPENDIX "A"
DATE 12 May 45

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required X
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6				
Int Duties	Sjt	1	6	1		NR
" "	Cpl	2		1		NR
" "	Pte	7	1	1		NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	5	2		
"	Pte	22	27	5		NR
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1				
Clerk	Sjt	2	1			
"	Cpl	6	2			
"	Pte	4	6			
Rangetaker	Pte	4	3	1		
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	3	1		
" "	Pte	3	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1	2		
"	Cpl	1		1		NR
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1		1		NR
			1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
R S M	WOI	1	2		1	
C S M	WOII	5	6		1	
RQMS	WOII	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	5	2		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	20	5		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35	1		NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1				
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	24	12		NR
" "	Pte	361	134	227		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	17	3		
Mortar Nos	Dpl	5	3	2		NR
" "	Pte	68	58	10		
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
	Pte	28	15	13		
Regtl Police	Sjt	1		1		NR
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" " "	Pte	15	14	1		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL -		769	475	296		9

NOTE: TG 2 Mech MT 1
Stonemason 1
TG 3 Dvr Mech 13
Gunlayer 1
16

NOT provided for in WE : shown in LMG, MMG, Mortars and Pioneers.

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommend as to suitabl posting
NX1295	WO1	GYE H C	38	A1	RSM		
NX8694	WO2	CAMPBELL A G	30	A1	CSM		

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LIRO 1 & 5 DISPOSITIONS

AS AT 14 1100K

Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1:63360

4 Sec
8
6 Sec
5 Sec
A 275117
5ac
5ac
HQ
1 Sec
7
3
3 Sec
STRIP
5
MN
BEACH
9
7 Sec
8 Sec
9 Sec
7

SCALE

1 in to 40 yds

Note - 2 Pl and 4 Pl disposed beach defence. Dispositions shown on separate sketch.

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Dispositions - 14 May - full set

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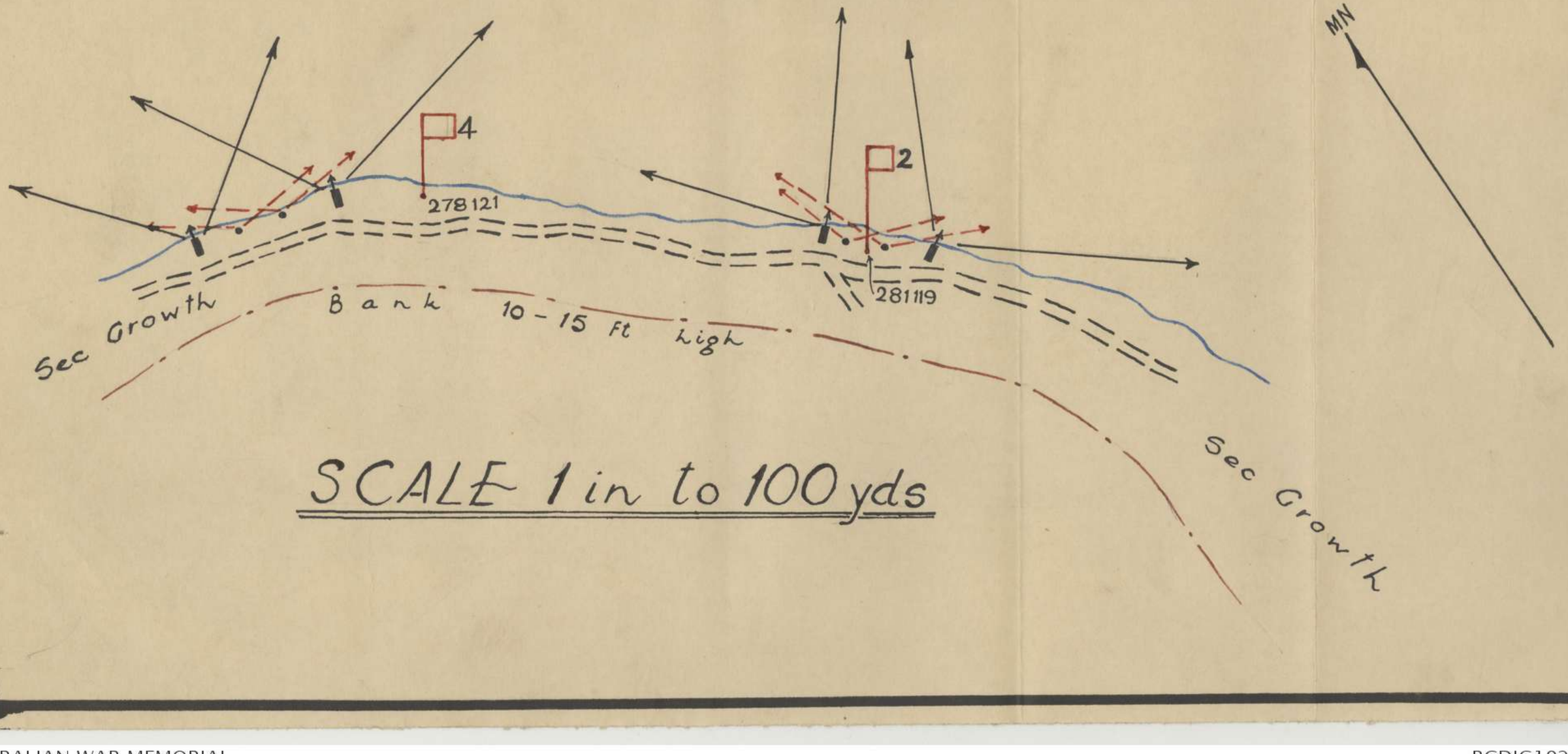
LIRO 5B & 5D DISPOSITIONS

AS AT 14 1500K

Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1:63360



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LIRO 2 DISPOSITIONS

AS AT 141100K

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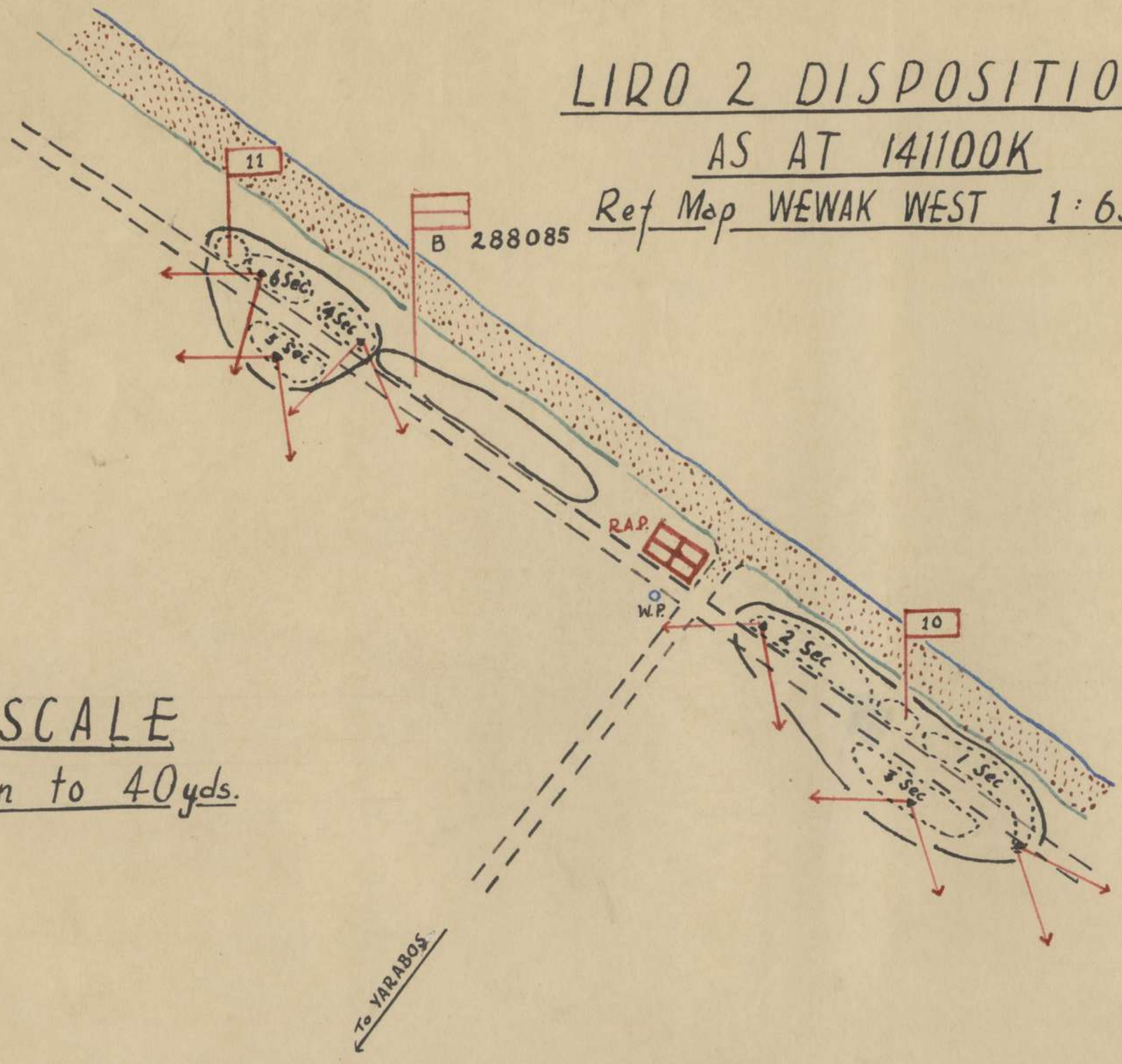

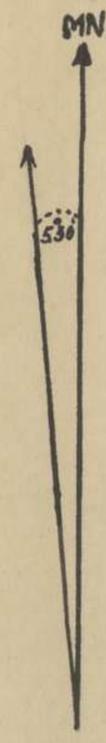

SCALE

1 in to 40 yds.

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LIRO 3 DISPOSITIONS

AS AT 141100K

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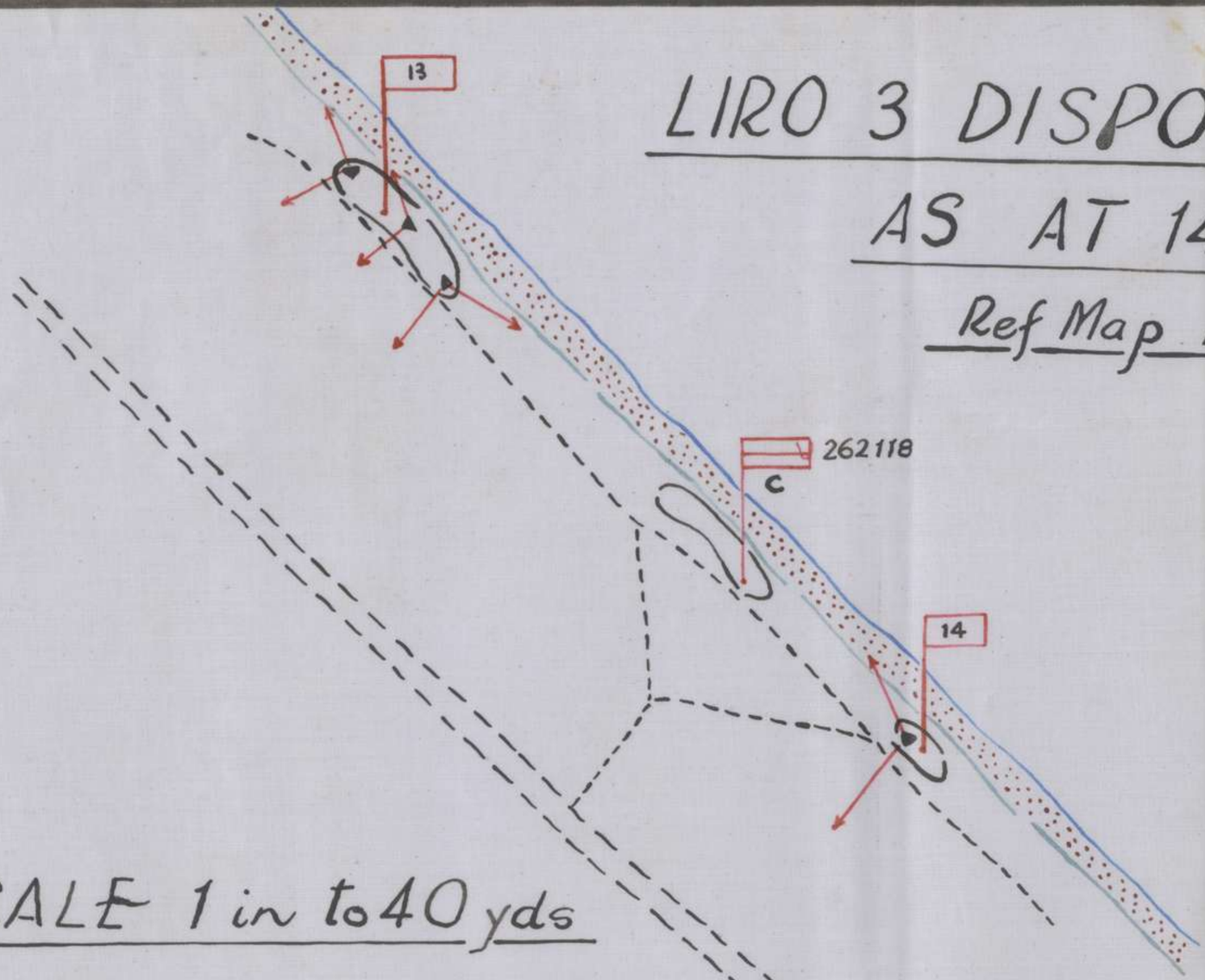

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LIRO 4 DISPOSITIONS AS AT 141100K.

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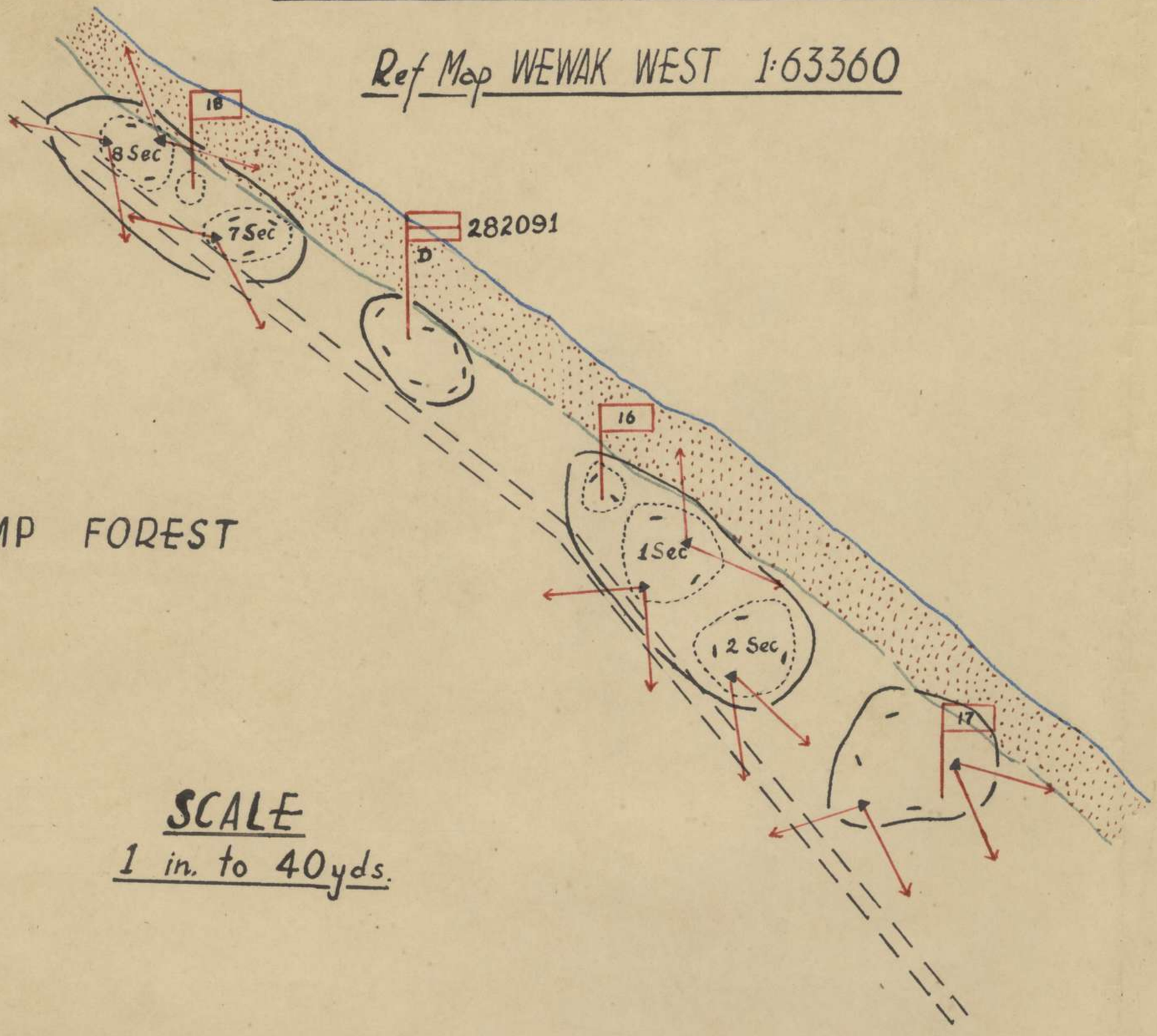

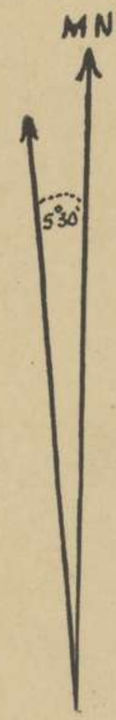

SWAMP FOREST

SCALE
1 in. to 40yds.

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WORKING PARTIES AND ESCORTS PROVIDED BY 2/2 AUST INF BN

14 - 31 MAY 45

Date	Coy	No of Pers	Time Out	Time In	Details of Work.	No of Trips
15 May	B Coy	12	0630	1930	Escort carriers to BIG ROAD	2
	B Coy	6	1000	1415	Escort Carriers to WARINGE	2
	HQ Coy	35	1800	2200	Unloading POL from barges.	
16 May	B Coy	12	0700	1500	Escort Carriers to BIG ROAD	2
	B Coy	6	0700	1100	Escort Carriers to YARABOS	1
	B Coy	6	0700	1000	Escort to WARINGE	2
	B Coy	6	1230	1430	Escort carriers bringing in ADS gear from WARINGE	1
	C Coy	20	1100	1500	Unloading barges	
	C Coy	15	1900	2359	Unloading barges	
17 May	HQ Coy	40	0330	0815	Unloading DID stores from barges	
	HQ Coy	40	0800	1230	Unloading food and engr stores from barges	
	HQ Coy	40	1200	1700	Unloading POL Loading A/C bombs	
	B Coy	12	0730	1300	Escort Carriers to BIG ROAD	2
18 May	B Coy	6	0700	1415	Escort Carriers to BIG ROAD	1
	B Coy	6	0700	1415	Escort to 2/11 Bn BIG ROAD thence to 2/4 Bn at MISSION POINT.	
	HQ Coy	40	1145	1723	Road maintenance and unloading rations from barges WOM	
	B & HQ	31 & 10	1700	2315	Unloading barges WOM	
	HQ	40	1030	0130	Unloading Med stores from barges WOM	
19 May	D Coy	6	0700	1430	Escort Carriers to 2/11 Bn BIG ROAD	
	D Coy	6	0700	1100	Escort to YARABOS.	
20 May	HQ Coy	30	0800	1700	Unloading barges WOM	
	HQ Coy	60	1200	1700	Unloading Div stores from barges	
	B Coy	7	0800	1500	Escort carriers to 2/7 Cav Sqn SAURI	
21 May	B Coy	4	0730	1400	Escort to 2/7 Cav Sqn SAURI	
22 May	B Coy	3	0900	1215	Escort to YARABOS	
	A Coy	4	0730	1530	Escort to 2/11 Bn	
23 May	C Coy	10	1930	2315	Unloading barges WOM	
	A Coy	4	0730	1500	Escort to 2/11 Bn	
	B Coy	6	1730	2200	Unloading barges WOM	
24 May	B Coy	31	1200	1800	Unloading barges WOM	
25 May	B Coy	4	0745	1200	Escort to YARABOS	
28 May	B Coy	4	0800	1300	Escort duty to YARABOS	
	HQ Coy	5	0830	1600	Escort Engr recce party SOUTH of WIRUI MISSION	

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Australian Imperial Force

19 Aust Inf Bde
8 May 45
Ref: Q2/18/4.

Subject: SALVAGE

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn ✓
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt

2/2 BATTALION
File 18.
18 MAY 1945
A.I.F.

1. Until the arrival of a detachment of 6 Aust Div Salvage Unit in this area, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will establish a Salvage Dump in the vicinity of their B Echelon (Ref: 287087). The actual location of the dump will be made by 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, and by 0800 hrs 19 May they will erect a sign on the beach indicating the location.

2. Units will return all salvageable items of enemy equipment (excluding aircraft parts) to this dump, utilising any vehicles which would otherwise be passing 2/2 Aust Inf Bn empty.

3. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for ensuring that no items are removed from the dump, and that, as far as is practicable, separate dumps will be made of the various items i.e. rifles, LMGs, machinery parts.

4. Units will ensure that all items placed in the dump are salvageable.

Capt
SC 19 Aust Inf Bde
P Geddes

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PATROL REPORT RABOIN ISLAND - 19 MAY 45 - BY PATROL COMD CAPT G C WATSON

Ref Map WEWAK WEST (Provisional) 1 in to 1 mile. Appx 20

1. Task

To recce RABOIN ISLAND and report on

(a) Nature of terrain.
(b) Availability of fresh water.
(c) Details of reefs etc.
(d) Suitability as site for convalescent damp.
(e) Evidence of JAP occupation incl documents.
(f) Bombs.

2. Answer

(a) Entire island is low lying. The centre of the island is swampy, and the coastal strip above swamp level varies in width from about 100 yards in some places in the SOUTH to about 10 yds in the WEST. To the NORTH the strip is generally about 20-30 yds wide with one portion 60 yds wide. On the EAST side strip of ground above swamp is about 40 yds wide.

The whole of the island is covered with dense tropical growth with the exception of a small coconut plantation about 300 trees and an overgrown native garden on the SOUTHERN side of the island.

(b) Fresh water appears to be available by well sinking at any point on the island, but water holes existing were all discoloured.

(c) The entire island is surrounded by coral reefs extending 100-150 yds from the shore, but at high tide a depth of water of about 5 ft can be obtained about 7 yds from the beach at approx 287133. Landing barges would encounter no difficulty at high water.

(d) In my opinion the island is entirely unsuited as a convalescent camp for the reasons stated in sub-para 2 (a) above, and because of the prevalence of mosquitoes.

(e) There is no evidence of very recent JAP occupation. No papers of any description were discovered. Signs of occupation noted however were - wrecked tug at SW corner of island, an old jap shoe (European pattern but with JAP brand), several spent shell cases of small calibre, 50-100 empty 40 gallon drums which apparently had been strafed and burned, and about 68 full 40 gallon drums, with the exception of two, all on SOUTH of island. Of these latter 43 contained a dark oily fluid which smelled like bitumen (sample herewith). While 23 contained what appeared to be diesel fuel. Drums were in three dumps all situated in coconut plantation on SOUTH of island. Two drums were also noticed on NORTH but NOT investigated.

There are on the island also three native huts on the SOUTH and one on the NE but no definite evidence of JAP occupation was apparent in these.

(f) No UXBs were discovered, but one large bomb crater 20 ft diameter was seen on WEST of island.

3. Report

(a) Str - 1 Offr 1 Sjt 4 ORs
(b) Time out - 0730
(c) Time in - 1100

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(d) Method. Patrol proceeded by native canoe to approx 287134. One man remained with canoe while remainder investigated huts and coconut plantation on SOUTH of island. An attempt was then made to push NORTH across the island, but this proved impossible because of swamps. Patrol then skirted swamp by moving left. As swamp extended almost to the beach, patrol circled island in a clockwise direction. Patrol then embarked and investigated wrecked tug on SW corner. This proved to be quite an old wreck. Originally it was about 40-45 ft, powered by large old fashioned 3 cylinder diesel engine (about 15 in bore and 18 in stroke) and equipped with about 3 ft propeller.

Patrol then returned home.

4. <u>General</u>

(a) Det of 43 Aust Ldg Craft Coy RAE was contacted in SOUTHER HUT area. They stated that Maj MITCHELL was considering using island as a base, and requested that any infm collected by us be made available to him.

(b) SCR 536b comn proved unsuccessful on account of interference by morse being broadcast on the same frequency.

Capt

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Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

...all	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator: FOVA — Date—Time of Origin: 201815K

Office Date Stamp: Appx 21

For Action: LIRO

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0391 Recd ⊙ WARNING ORDER ⊙ Ref FOVA 007 d 18 MAY 45 PARA 6 task 2 ⊙ PHASE I postponed ⊙ LORO will capture MOEM PENINSULA Dday 23 MAY ACK all info

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except / ..... } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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Australian Imperial Force

SECRET

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18 May 45

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2/2 BATTALION
file OPS.
19 MAY 1945
A. I. F.

Ref Maps:

WEWAK WEST	1 in to 1 ml
WEWAK EAST	1 in to 1 ml
WEWAK DROME	1:20000
BRANDI PTN	1:20000

INFM

1. Enemy

PW statements and captured documents of recent dates enable a fairly accurate estimate of enemy resisting our adv south to the top of the TORRICELLI Range and east towards Cape MOEM.

KATO FORCE - 25 Airfield Bn and att tps is holding the area from incl SAURI to WIRUI CK. It is estimated that 200 members of this force have been killed in recent ops and that the strength is now approx 300. Native reports indicate that this force is being reinforced from the south.

JINKA FORCE - 51 Airfield Bn and att tps is holding the area between WIRUI CK EAST to CK at W376053 and south to PASSAM. Strength approx 400 is assessed as follows

51 Airfield Bn	300	
OKUBA Coy	70	
25 MG Pl	20	
8 SL Coy	20	(possibly eliminated)
38 Indep AA Bty	50	
Field Arty Pers	10	
	470	
less casualties	50	
Total	420	

Units garrisoning the area EAST to Cape MOEM and SOUTH are believed to be under comd of the AOYAMA FORCE. No infm re strength of this force.

Tank obstacles - enemy have been ordered to mine and demolish all bridges and to mine extensively the BORAM drome and roads along the coast and leading to drome. As electrically operated and contact operated aerial bombs have primarily been used in the KREER - Cape BORAM area, similar obstacles may be expected on the BORAM drome and approaches.
Att as Appx "A" is translation of enemy map showing disposns of force in KOIGIN - BORAM area.

2. Own Tps

(a) As contained in 6 Aust Div REVSITS and 19 Aust Inf Bde SITREPS and LOCSTATS.

(b) FARIDA FORCE - 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt and att tps is holding the coastal sector from incl FOROK PT to MANDI, and has patrolled WEST as far as BRANDI RIVER. FARIDA FORCE is to come under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde when a junc has been est.

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(c) Navy - WEWAK FORCE RAN is available to sp ops on request this HQ.

(d) Air - 871 R/B Wing and CRTC are available to sp ops on request this HQ.

INTENTION.

19 Aust Inf Bde will -

(i) hold present area and continue to exert pressure on the enemy in that area.

(ii) capture BORAM DROME and foothills to SOUTH.

(iii) clear coastal sector between BORAM DROME and BRANDI RIVER W4102 excl MOEM PENINSULA and effect a junc with FARIDA FORCE at BRANDI RIVER.

METHOD.

4. Summary

(a) Task 1

Hold the enemy in present areas incl YARABOS W243105 - SAURI W283032 - HILL 620 W306034 - HILL 710 W314035 - WIRUI MISSION - KREER.

(b) Task 2

The capture of BORAM DROME and clearing of coastal sector between BORAM DROME and BRANDI RIVER W4102 excl MOEM PENINSULA. This task will be carried out in two phases.

Phase I. Capture of BORAM DROME and foothills to SOUTH.

Phase II. Clear coastal sector excl MOEM PENINSULA between BORAM DROME and BRANDI RIVER and effect a junc with FARIDA FORCE.

5. TASK 1

(a) Tps

2/4 Aust Inf Bn with in sp -

one bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt

2/11 Aust Inf Bn with under comd -

two secs Flamethrower pl

and in sp

2/1 Aust Fd Regt less one bty
one 4.2" mortar

2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) with in sp -

one bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
one 4.2" mortar

One Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn (remains under comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn).

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(b) Inter-unit Bdys

Shown on trace attached as Appx "B"

(c) Tasks

(i) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn - hold present area and exert pressure on the enemy towards KOIGIN.

(ii) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn - hold present area and exert pressure on the enemy towards HILL 770.

(iii) 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn - hold SAURI VILLAGES and keep contact with the enemy.

(iv) One coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn prevent enemy infiltration towards coast from direction of YARABOS.

6. TASK 2

(a) Tps

2/8 Aust Inf Bn with under comd -

C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less two tps
Flame thrower Pl less 2 secs

and in sp -

2/2 Aust Fd Regt less 1 bty with call on further btys on request to RAA 6 Aust Div.
2 x 75mm
Det 2/8 Aust Fd Coy

(b) Task will be carried out in two phases -

Phase I

(i) Objective. BORAM DROME and foothills to SOUTH incl SPUR W360042 - W374037 - HILL 310 W3704.

(ii) Limit of Exploitation. HILL 310 - unnamed ck W376047 - W376053.

(iii) Start Line. Present FDL 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

(iv) Date. 20 May 45.

(v) H hr. To be decided by Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn and notified to this HQ.

23 MAY Phase II

(i) Objective. Clear the coastal sector excl MOEM PENINSULA, between BORAM DROME and BRANDI RIVER and effect a junc with FARIDA FORCE at BRANDI RIVER.

(ii) Def BORAM Area. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will hold BORAM DROME and foothills incl HILL 280 W3404.

(iii) Date. On orders this HQ, as early as possible after completion PHASE I.

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7. Reserves

(a) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn less one coy.

(b) Two rifle coys 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, to remain under comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn but NOT to be committed without reference this HQ.

(c) Two tps C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt

Role

Remain present areas and be prepared to counter-attack in direction WIRUI MISSION or BORAM DROME.

8. Armd

(a) C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less two tps under comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for Task 2.

(b) Two tps Bde Res remain present area.

(c) One tp to move to SAURI as soon as road conditions permit.

9. Arty

(a) 2/1 Aust Fd Regt less one bty in sp 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.
One bty in sp 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) 2/2 Aust Fd Regt less one bty in sp 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
One bty in sp 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo)Sqn.

(c) 2 x 75mm in sp 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn has call on additional btys on request to RAA 6 Aust Div.

(d) 2 x 155mm available for sp on request to HQ RAA 6 Aust Div.

10. RAE

(a) Constr BIG ROAD to SAURI for all weather class 9 traffic and provide for passage of tks.

(b) Maintain L of C in rear 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) Provide dets in sp 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for clearing of mines and engr assistance to tks.

(d) Provide water point in BORAM area.

ADM

11. Issued separately.

INTERCOM

12. HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde closes present location and opens at W346055 at 1200 hrs 19 May 45.

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13. Line Comns - see Appx "C"

14. W/T Comns - no change.

15. Air sp Party moves with HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.

16. DRLS - Issued separately.

ACK. 1909 30K

Signed at

Issued through

Maj
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde
J D Murray

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2/8 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2	2
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3	3
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	4	4	4	4
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn	5	5	5	5
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	6	-	6	6
Flamethrower Pl	7		-	7
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	8	-	7	8
135 Aust Bde Wksps	9	-	-	9
RAA 6 Aust Div	10	6	8	10
RAE 6 Aust Div	11	7	9	11
RAAF Air Sp Party	12	-	-	12
6 Aust Div	13	-	10	13
Comd	14	8	11	14
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8 AUST DIV LANGUAGE DET
17 MAY 45

TRANSLATION OF JAPANESE MAP CAPTURED AT SAURI

BY 2/7 CAV SQN (CDO)

14 MAY 45

Appx "A"
19 AUST INF BDE OO. No 7

Cape BORAM
CENTRAL AIRFIELD
NAVAL GARDEN
Hayashi Br
Yamuto Br
Mihara Br
Takasuna Br
MT IZUMI
Hill 247
EAST AIRFIELD
WIRUI MISSION
HILL 51
MT KIN
No 2 MAKON
WESTERN MOUNTAIN
Former 51 Div
MT KANPA
No 1 KOIGIN
OKUBO HILL
MT KAWAKUBO
51 DIV
MT TAZAKI
South Eastern Mt
No 1 Reserve Unit
No 2 Reserve Unit
No 2 KOIGIN
No 2 MARIN
No 1 MARIN
SHIBURANGO
URANANBO
PONKOPO
YORIRADO
KUMBUCORA
PALIAMA
PASSAM

1st Lt Mihara — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 9; Type 98 Pom-pom 2; MA 2; Rifles 10
Hayashi Br — NCO's & Men 2; Rifles 2; Grenade Discharger 1
NCO's & Men 5; Type 103 AA Pom-pom; Rifles 5
NCO's & Men 6; Type 98 Pom-pom 2; Rifles 6
NCO's & Men 3; Type 103 Pom-pom 1; Rifle 3
NCO's & Men 2; Rifles 2
1st Lt Sujimoto — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 4; Type 103 Pom-pom 2; Rifles 5
2nd Lt Fujihara — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 7; Type 103 Pom-pom; Rifles 8
NCO's & Men 3; Rifles 3
NCO's & Men 4; Rifles 4
NCO's & Men 6; Rifles 6; Type 103 Pom-pom 1
NCO's & Men 6; Rifles 7
Former 51 Div
2nd Lt Imai — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 11; LMG 1; Grenade Discharger 1; Rifles 12
NCO's & Men 4; Rifles 4; Auto Gun 1
1st Lt Nakahara — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 11; LMG 1; MG 2; Rifles 12
NCO's & Men 2; Rifles 8
NCO's & Men 23; Rifles 23; Auto Gun 1
Capt Okazaki — Offr 1; WO 1; NCO's & Men 9; Rifles 11
Capt Okubo — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 44; Rifles 44
NCO's & Men 5; Rifles 5; MG 1
1st Lt Takemi — Offr 1; WO 1; NCO's & Men 8; Rifles 10
△278
NCO's & Men 13; Rifles 13
1st Lt Okada — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 6; Rifles 7; Pom-pom 1; LMG 1
Capt Ichihara — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 9; Rifles 10
WO Ozuka — WO 1; NCO's & Men 7; LMG 1; MG 1; Rifles 8
NCO's & Men 6; Rifles 6
△461
Bn CO — Offr 7; NCO's & Men 36; Rifles 42; LMG 1
NCO's & Men 13; Rifles 12
1st Lt Kuroda — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 42; Rifles 42; MG 2; Grenade Discharger 1
1/3
1/4
WO Saito — WO 1; NCO's & Men 9; Rifles 10; LMG 1
1st Lt Kawasaki — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 23; Rifles 24; MG 1
1st Lt Baba — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 15; Rifles 17
No 1 MARIN — NCO's & Men 23; MG 1
△446
△402
1st Lt Yoshimichi — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 19; MG 1; Grenade Discharger 1; Pom-pom 1
WO Nitizima — WO 1; NCO's & Men 5; Rifles 6
1st Lt Imai — Offrs 1; WO 2; NCO's & Men 7; Rifles 12
2nd Lt Matsumoto — Offr 1; NCO's & Men 14; Rifles 15; LMG 1; Type 103 Pom-pom 1
1st Lt Iwamura — Offrs 1; NCO's & Men 14; Rifles 15; LMG 1; Type 103 Pom-pom 1

Bn HIQ	
MG Emplacement	
Grenade Discharger	
Auto. Gun	
Coy Comd	
Occupied Posn	
Mass of Tps	
Searchlight	
NCO	
Howitzer	
Line of Guns (Fd Arty)	
Motor Truck	
Sentry	
AA Arty Unit	
AA Pom-pom	
AA Obs Party	
Med Arty (Howitzer) Shelter	

EAST SECTOR
FRONT LINE BATTALION
LEFT UNIT

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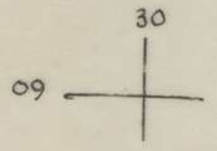
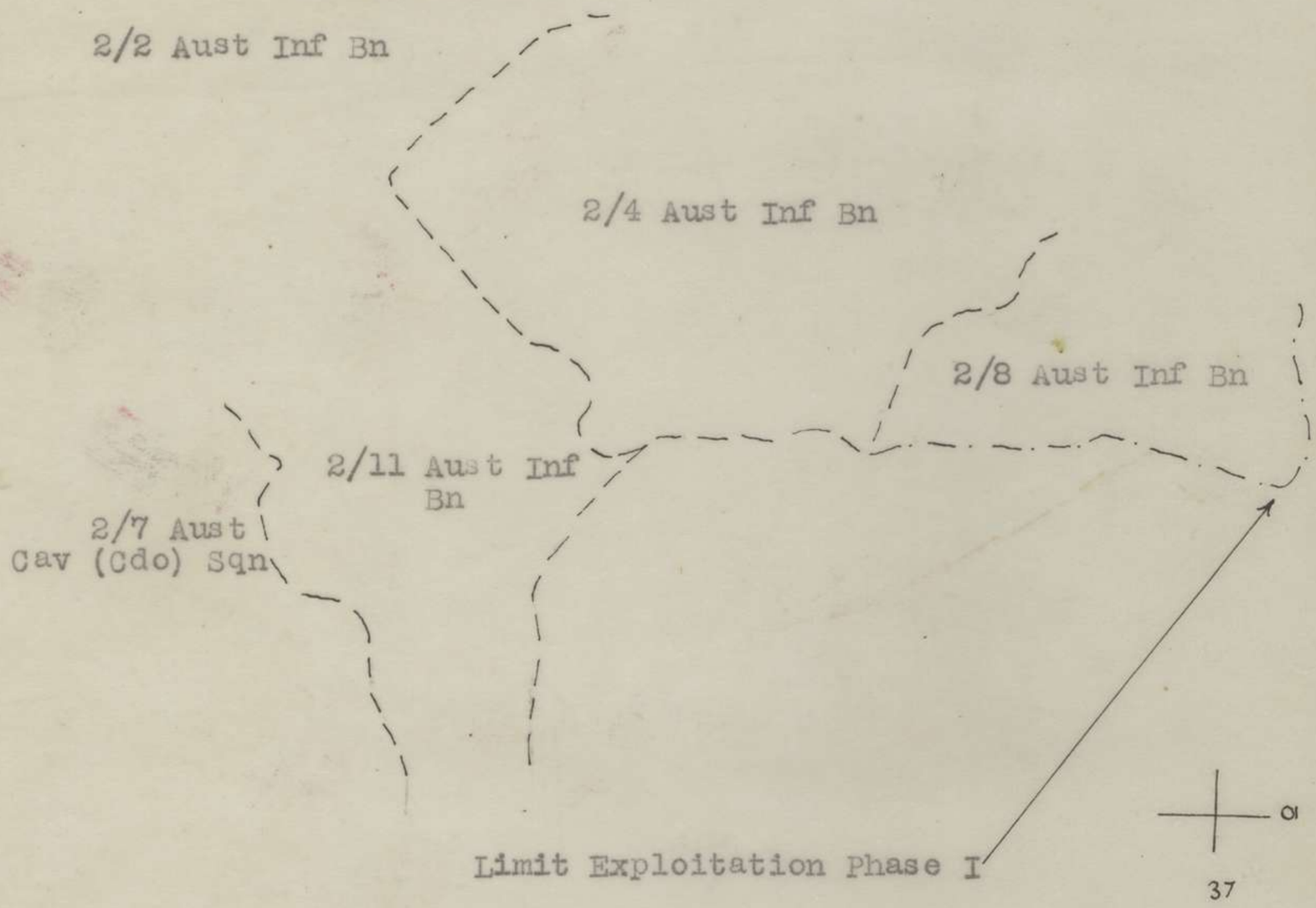
Appendix "B"
to 19 Aust Inf Bde 00 7.

INTER-UNIT BOUNDARIES





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SIGNAL LINE DIAGRAM.

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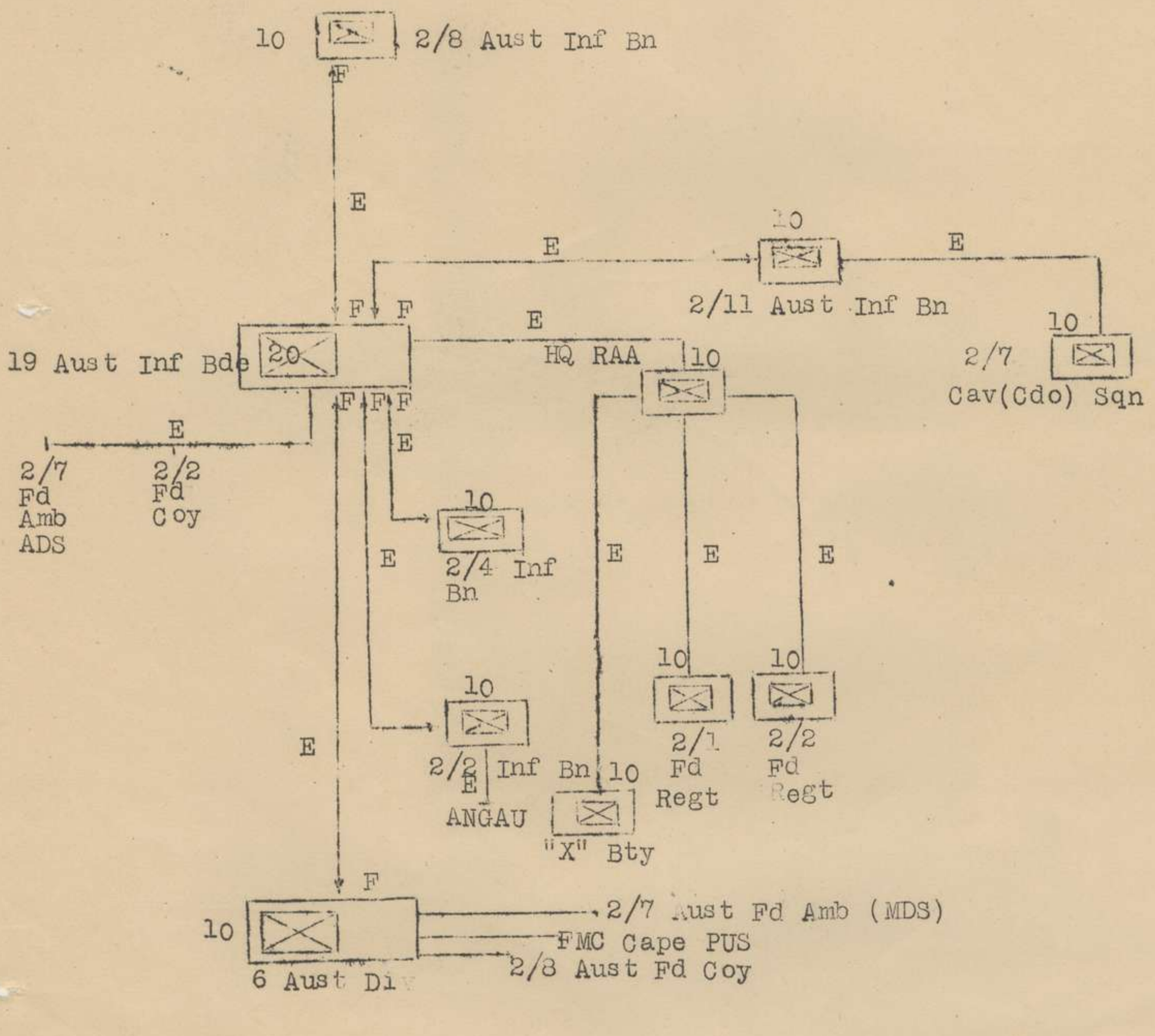

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 31

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
		(P)	

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 19 Bde

Date—Time of Origin: 19 21 45 K

Office Date Stamp: Appx 23 Appx 22

For Action

TO: 7/2 Bd

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR 29

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0381 Secret ⊙ 7/2 Bd will relieve 3/4 Bd of responsibility for defense NEWK drome ⊙ relief to be complete by 201200 K details mutually arranged between COS all info

[signature]

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: Important

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Time Cleared		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/May/1945. 2/3 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/33. OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 969 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		1	Majors					
	2		9	Captains	A17mc	1			
			30	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	4		39			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		40									40
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX151	Major	Ranck C.M.	L.H.D. Tactical School	10 May 45.	
			+ A.K.I.		
NX70750	Lt	Mack LT	—	17 May 45	R.T.U. ex 2/1 M.D.S.
VX100099	Capt	Lovett K.H.	—	18 May 45	ex 2/11 A.G.H.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX5859	Lt	Monnik D.K.	—	14 May 45	Leave ex 2/7 M.D.S.
VX1[illegible]85	Capt	Stevenson C.M.		15 May 45	ex.
NX[illegible]01	Major	Gibson K.S.		16 May 45	ex
NX68365	Lt	Eames V.H.		16 May 45	ex.
NX84[illegible]73		Pennycuick A.D.		17 May 45	ex

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/5/45. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.) 44/123

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	VX22406	Cameron	C.G.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	NX351	Bland	A.H.	2 i/c	Yes		
Capt	NX12171	Watson	O.C.	Coy Comd	Yes		
	VX100099	Leach	K.H.	do	Yes		
	NX12177	Shirley-Quirk	M	do	Yes		
	NX3798	Cameron	R.S.		Yes		
Lt (Capt)	VX100097	Oliver	A.H.	Coy Comd	Yes		
	NX3[illegible]968	McCammon	J.F.G.	Adjt	Yes		
Lt	NX60588	Hodge	C.A.	Q.M.	Yes		
	NX1350	Cuyle	C.	Coy s/c	Yes		
	NX8499	Baker	G.E.	do	Yes		
	VX117105	Kelly	H.H.	do	Yes		
	NX7093	Hall	L.J.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	VX16912	Clarke	F.K.	Coy s/c	Yes		
	NX8739	Thompson	R.K.		No	Con[illegible] from [illegible]	[illegible]
	NX8952	Pantz	E.R.	A/Cam	Yes		
	NX12[illegible]174	Morris	J.H.	do	Yes		
	NX10[illegible]59	Jarvis	J.	do	Yes		
	NX16794	Ley	F.L.	do	Yes		
	QX[illegible]661	Ferguson	K	do	Yes		
	VX[illegible]598	Ritchie	P.C.	do	Yes		
	NX7997[illegible]	Smiles	[illegible]	I.O.	Yes		
	NX10893[illegible]6	Fann	[illegible]C	A/Cam	Yes		
	NX167158	Brown	R.R.	do	Yes		
	NX101667	Richardson	[illegible]H.	T.O.	Yes		
	VX[illegible]517	Robertson	R.[illegible]	A/Cam	Yes		
	QX[illegible]502	Mullen	[illegible]	do	Yes		
	VX[illegible]518	White	[illegible]	do	Yes		
	NX[illegible]597	Donaghue	[illegible]	do	Yes		
Capt	NX60849	McLennan	H.H.	Adjt	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	QX[illegible]680	Allcorn I.W.	Attchd	30 May 45	
Mr	B[illegible]705	Jones G.L.	Entertainment	30 Apr 45	Philanthropic Ed

19 May 45
Date of Despatch

Cameron Lt Col.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/Aug/194[illegible] [illegible] Sqn HQ (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/[illegible]. OFFRS. [illegible] O.R's. 76 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. [illegible] ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL. WE	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	2	W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II. 1	1	1			
NR	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
NR	8		20	Sergeants 9	1 1 [illegible]	5		4	NR
NR	[illegible]		44	Corporals 8	1 1 [illegible]	8		[illegible]	NR
	290		[illegible]68	Troopers, Private, etc. 10	10	10		4	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	[illegible]22	1	[illegible]48*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		21 *		11	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A		69						[redacted]	[redacted]		69
	B(1)											
	B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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s/s and Sqdn ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/5/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

19 May 45
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Signature of Commander

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APPENDIX "A"
DATE 19 May 45

WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required X
TRADE GROUP I						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		
" "	Pte	7	5	2		
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	22	16	6		
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	3	1		
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	1	2		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Cpl	1	1			
Vapt Repairer	Pte	1				
NON-SPECIALISTS						
R S M	WOI	1	2		1	
C S M	WOII	5	5			
RQMS	WOII	1	1			NR
OQMS	S Sjt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	19	6		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	20	16		NR
" "	Pte	361	115	246		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1	
" "	Pte	20	17	3		
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1		NR
" "	Pte	68	57	11		
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	26	15	13		
Regtl Police	Sjt	1		1		NR
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	1			
Stretcher-bearers	Sjt	1	2			
" "	Cpl	2	19			
" "	Pte	18	3	1		NR
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	11	4		
" " "	Pte	15	2			
Water Duties	Pte	2	448	323	2	
TOTAL -		769				

NOTE: TG2 Mech MT 1
~~Storemen~~ ~~1~~
TG3 Dvr Mech 12
Gunlayer 1
Stevedore 1
15

NOT provided for in WE : shown in LMG, MMG, Mortars and Pioneers.

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendatic as to suitable posting
MX1259	WO1	CYE H C	38	A1	RSM		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: SCRUB TYPHUS

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 415/26/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, RMO, QM, IO, File (2)

Appx 24

Forwarded hereunder for information is a copy of a memo received from DADH 6 Aust Div.

"The map showing the suspected localisation of cases of scrub typhus contracted around the DAGUA strip has been received and appreciation of the detailed information is expressed.

2. An independent mite survey of the area carried out three weeks ago show an extremely heavy population throughout the whole strip and the area is regarded as being as highly endemic as it is possible to encounter anywhere. The small number of cases under these circumstances can be attributed to effective anti-mite precautions. The measures necessitate great care and individual inattention to detail explains sporadic cases."

Lt-col
(A G CAMERON)
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

19 May 45

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Subject: SCRUB TYPHUS

HQ 6 Aust Div

17 May 45

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DADH 6 Aust Div

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16
19 MAY 1945

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C O AND MEMBERS

2/2 ND BATTALION A I F AUST (QLD)

2 ND BATTALION A I F ASSOCIATION HAILS YOU THIS V DAY MAY YOU COME THROUGH WITH OLD PURPLE AND GREEN FLOATING PROUDLY IN THE VAN ... A V MOORE HON SECRETARY

(2/2 2)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 416/18/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, IO, QM, RMO, Sig Offr, War Diary

The following signals have been received from:

GOC First Australian Army Lt Gen V A H STURDEE, CB, CBE, DSO :

"I would like to congratulate all units of the Royal Australian Navy, 6 Australian Division and the Royal Australian Air Force on the splendid cooperation resulting in the successful operations in this area."

C-in-C General Sir Thomas BLAMEY.

"Warmest congratulations to the old Division on its great success (.) Its splendid achievements during the present campaign are worthy of its grand history (.) Please convey to all ranks my deep appreciation of their efforts."

GOC 6 Aust Div has received a signal from Lieut-General Sir Edmund HERRING KBE DSO MC congratulating the Division on its recent successes and fine work during the past months.

2. The Battalion Commander desires that the above messages be conveyed to all ranks.

H McCammon Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

10 May 45

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H.Q. COY CAMP AREA WEWAK DROME

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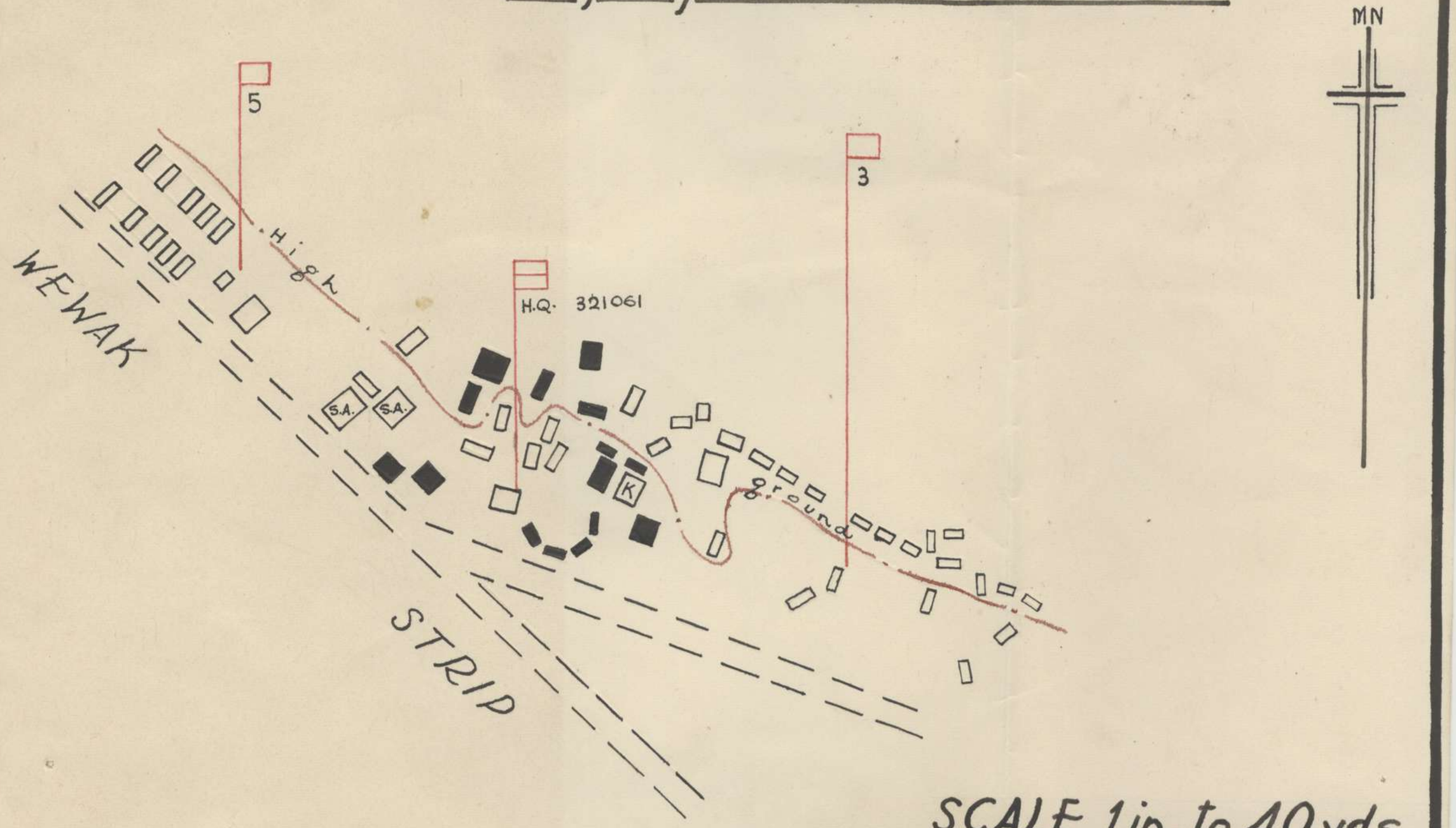

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: ANTI-MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: 418/26/45

A, B, C, D, HQ Coys, Bn HQ, IO, QM, RMO, Sig Offr.

16 Aust Inf Bde 97/45 of 17 May 45 is forwarded hereunder for information and necessary action.

"1. ADMS 6 Aust Div advises that of the number of cases of malaria in Australian troops serving outside Australia, 65% of cases are from 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

2. In view of the alarming figures for malaria for this brigade, it is considered that the only avenue left open is to take maximum precautions to prevent personnel being bitten by mosquitoes.

3. This must envisage that men can be bitten by day and by night.

4. To effect these precautions, the following steps will be taken :

(a) Rigid observance of 6 Aust Div order that shirts can only be removed by men engaged on hard manual labour in open sunlit areas. (Personnel are observed any day without shirts in this area lying in shady areas or under tents. This is to cease).

(b) Use of Mary.
Applications to be made at 1830 hrs nightly and thereafter at two hourly intervals, and if personnel leave nets during night, to be applied to all parts of the body exposed.

(c) Mosquito nets to be erected and tucked in by 1830 hrs nightly and officers to inspect to ensure nets are correctly erected.
Nets will be examined daily by an officer to ensure there are no holes in same.

(d) All tents and mosquito nets to be sprayed nightly with mosquito spray under supervision.

(e) Full use made of Freon bombs.

(f) All likely breeding grounds of mosquitoes to be sprayed at least twice weekly. Hygiene Officer to inspect.

5. It appears that personnel may develop malaria, despite full observation of orders regarding Atebrin dosage but there can be no doubt that it is impossible for a man to get malaria without being bitten by a mosquito.

6. COs are also requested to again check up on taking of Atebrin, paying particular attention to personnel attached to, or detached from, a platoon or company and personnel marching in during the day who might have missed taking Atebrin that morning through being on a barge in transit overnight or leaving a reception camp early in the morning."

Capt
(H G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

20 May 45

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A COY DISPOSITIONS

AS AT 1500K 25 May

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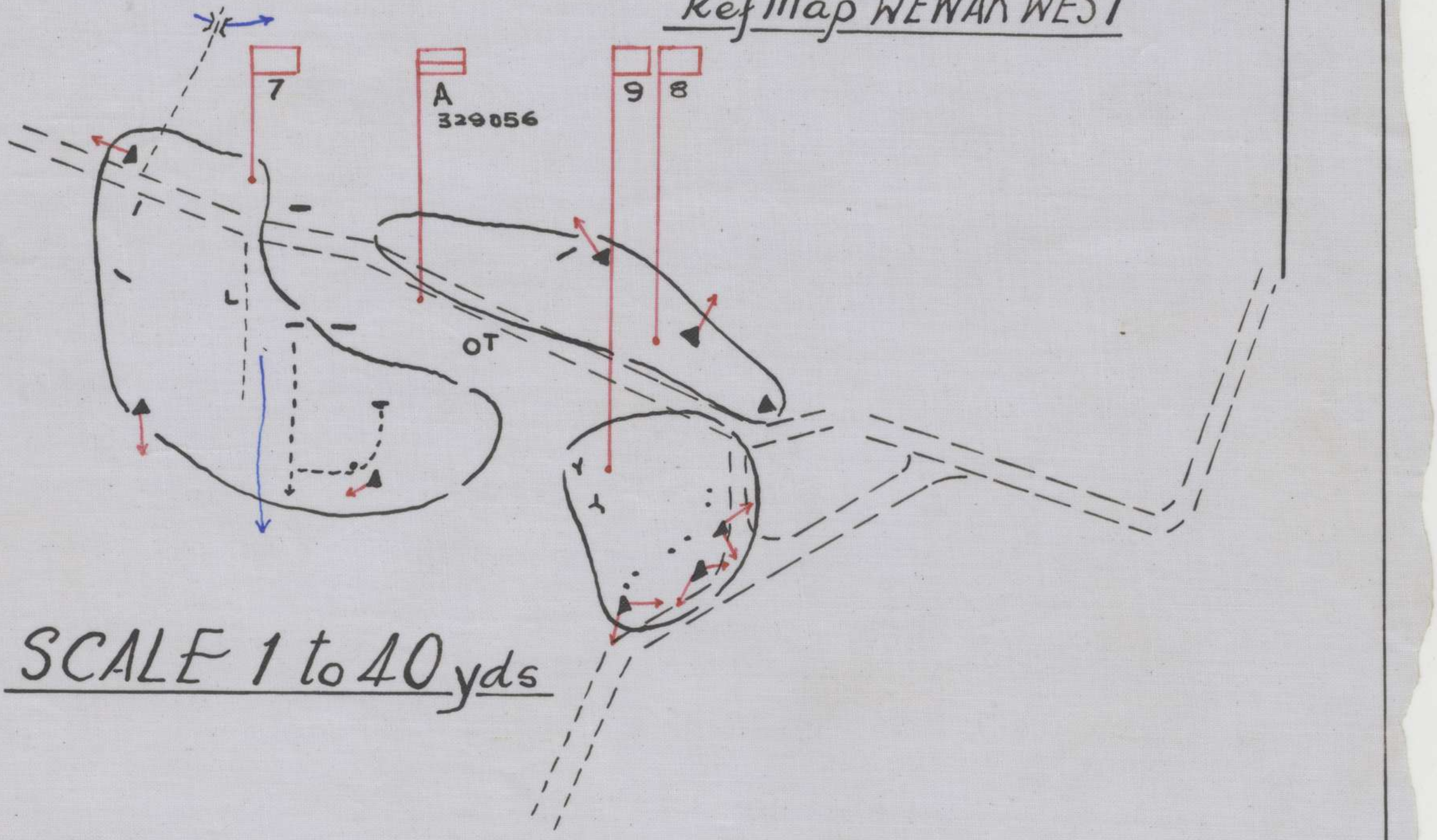

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

War Diary

70/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/May/1945. H.Q. 2/3 Aust. Inf. Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/2. OFFRS. 22 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	2		1	Majors				1	
	2		7	Captains	ANMC				
	1		15	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	6		27					1	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		27									27
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
X12505	Lt	Muller L.J.	2/3 Aust Inf Bde	20 May 45	Time expired
128171	Pte	Lowe J.	—	26 May 45	Evac 2/3 Aust Inf Bde
X60829	Capt/Maj	McLennan W.H. (Mac)	2/3 Aust Inf Bde	26 May 45	Evac 2/3 Aust Inf Bde

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / May /194[illegible] (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	VX[illegible]	Cameron	A.G.	CO	Yes		
Major	NX[illegible]	Baird	A.R.	2 i/c	Yes		
Capt	NX[illegible]	Watson	OC	Coy Comd	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Lord	R.H.	Co	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Featherstone	M	Co	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Farnsworth	K.C.		Yes		
Lt (A/Capt)	VX[illegible]	Olsen	A.L.	C/Sgt	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	McCammon	H.C.	Capt	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Hodge	C.S.	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	NX[illegible]	Curtis	E	Coy S/Sgt	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Baker	C.E.G.		No	Command + HQ Coy	8 May 42
	VX[illegible]	Kelly	M.J.	Coy Sgt	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Hall	L.J.	Pnr (L)	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Clarke	A.F.	Coy S/Sgt	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Thomas	R.H.		No	Command + HQ Coy	6 May 42
	NX[illegible]	Parish	C.H.	Pt Cmd	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Bruni	L	Cr	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Coy	G.L.	Cr	Yes		
	QX[illegible]	Sorgenson	K	Cr	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Helmis	P.C.	Cr	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Smith	L.	Cr	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Pain	H.C.	Pt Cmd	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Ryan	F.R.	Cr	Yes		
	NX[illegible]	Richardson	H.H.	Cr	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Robertson	R.M.	Pt Cmd	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Irvine	E.D.	Cr	Yes		
	VX[illegible]	Connelan	J.L.	Cr	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain 4th Class	QX[illegible]	Coleman H.W.	HQ 11 Bde	[illegible]	
Lt	NX[illegible]	Jones C.L.	2/1 Fd Amb	[illegible]	Philanthropic [illegible]

6 May 42
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... .....(Unit)

.E...../...../..... OFFRS.....O.R's.....+ OFFRS.....O.R's.....ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
				Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2					*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A											
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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s/s and L/R ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / May / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mech.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

26 May 45
..... Date of Despatch

H Cameron Lt Col
..... Signature of Commander

Comd s/s and L/R

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APPENDIX "A"

2/2 AUST INF BN

DATE 26 MAY 45

WE - II/120/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required X
TRADE GROUP I						
Blacksmith	Pte	1		1		NR
TRADE GROUP II						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" Duties	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	4	3		NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
Signallers	Pte	22	16	6		NR
TRADE GROUP III						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
Clerk	Cpl	6	5	1		NR
Clerk	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Range Taker	"	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	1	2		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1		1		NR
Tailor	Cpl	1	1			
Equipment Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Gunlayers	Pte	8	1	7		NR
NON SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WOI	1	2		1	
CSM	WO2	5	6		1	
RQMS	WO2	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	5			
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	17	8		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Drivers MT	Cpl	1		1		NR
Drivers MT	Pte	11	11			
General Duties(Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG Rifleman	Cpl	36	27	9		NR
LMG Rifleman	Pte	361	129	232		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1	
MMG Nos	Pte	20	17	3		NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	6		1	
Mortar Nos	Pte	68	57	11		NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	1	3		NR
Pioneers	Pte	28	15	13		NR
Regtl Police	Sjt	1		1		NR
Regtl Police	Pte	6	6			
Storeman	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher bearers	Sjt	1	1			
Stretcher bearers	Cpl	2	2			
Stretcher bearers	Pte	18	18			
Tk A Gun numbers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
Tk A Gun Numbers	Pte	7	11		4	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total		769	471	307	9	

NOTE: TOE Driver Mech 13
Stevedore 1
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NOT provided for in WE: Shown in LMG, MMG, Mortars and Pioneers.

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Trade	Special Quals	Any recommendation as to suitable posting
NX1259	WOI	GYE H C	38	A1	RSM		
NX8694	WOII	CAMPBELL A G	30	A1	CSM		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART II

by

LT-COL A G CAMERON

COMMANDING 2/2 AUST INF BN

Headquarters
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
29 May 45

Sub No	Regimental Particulars Rank & Name			Particulars etc of Casualties etc and date	
APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK					
94	VX106096	Pte	KELSO J J	Appointed L/cpl (paid)	22.4.45
95	NX 1232	"	LAIRD H G F	Appointed L/cpl (paid)	22.4.45
96	SX 31763	"	TIRRELL W H	Appointed L/cpl (unpaid)	22.4.45
97	NX 68806	L cpl	MESSENGER L A	Promoted A/Cpl	21.4.45
98	NX 58101	L cpl	POTTER A J	Promoted Cpl	21.4.45
99	NX 42178	L cpl	ADAMS C E J	Promoted A/Cpl	21.4.45
100	NX 42848	L sjt	DONNETT A H	Promoted A/Sjt	21.4.45
101	NX 8409	Sjt	McGRATH A	Promoted A/S/Sjt	26.4.45
102	NX 39566	L sjt	GILL A K	Promoted A/Sjt	26.4.45
103	NX 1563	L cpl	MATHIAS M R	Promoted Cpl	26.4.45

Capt
(N G McCAMMON)
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:-

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
HQ Coy
QM
War Diary (2)
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NOTES ON COs CONFERENCE OF COY COMDS - 2 JUN 45

Appx 31

Subject: ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

A. GENERAL.

1. Unit evacuations through malaria to 29 May.

Bn HQ	18
HQ Coy	100
A Coy	54
B Coy	62
C Coy	36
D Coy	59
	329

2. All mosquitoes must be regarded as anopheline and that at present 100% of troops are bitten daily.

3. Offrs will inspect nets during the night.

4. Every Offr will supervise all personnel.

B. The following instructions will be strongly adhered to :-

1. All pers will at all times be properly dressed except when showering or swimming.

2. Every man will carry Mary at all times.

3. Mary will be applied as follows
(a) Before getting out of bed.
(b) In the morning at 0630 hrs 0730 hrs 0830 hrs.
(c) At night at 1800 hrs 1900 hrs 2000 hrs.
(d) Hourly after 2000 hrs if not under a net.
(e) As frequently as Offrs and individuals deem necessary.

4. Parades

Atebrin and Mary parades will always be formal and where possible Coy parades. A return showing pers absent from parades will be submitted by 0900 hrs daily.

5. All areas will be cleared and continue to be cleared until further orders from Bn HQ. NO personnel will be idle before 1100 hrs.

6. Mosquito nets will be folded and equipment in inspection order by 0800 hrs. Equipment will remain in inspection order until 1100 hrs.

7. All anti-malarial precautions will be Offr responsibility.

8. Every operation incl patrols will be limited to ability to apply all precautions and any breach can only be authorised by the CO.

C. 15 Jun is the deadline, after this date the maximum should be 7 cases per week.

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